

E-5:C185 Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention(Revised),2003

Name of the convention: C185 Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003

Acronym or short name: ILO 185

International organisation in charge of it: The International Labour Organization (ILO)

Summary description (in plain language):

This Convention(ILO 185) is a revision of ILO 108 which was adopted in 1958 to establish an international structure of recognition of national seafarers' identity documents. As ILO108 did not specify the details of form of identity documents nor their issuance processes, issued documents under ILO108 varied significantly by State and did not contain security features.

This Convention was invented to amend the deficiencies of ILO 108 and establish an international standards for nationally issued Seafarers' Identity Documents(SIDs). The Convention aims to prepare a framework for States to issue SIDs for seafarers of their nationalities in more secure and more standardized credentials. Such SIDs issued under this Convention will help seafarers to gain easier access to foreign ports for shore leaves.

Date of signature: Adopted on June 19, 2003 in Geneva

Date of coming into force: February 9, 2005

Dates of revision: -

Reasons of revisions: -

Applicability (condition for entry into force): This Convention shall come into force six(6) months after the date of two(2) Member States' registration on ratifications. (Art. 12)

Situation of Ratification: (as at December 31, 2010) 18 States ratified

Stakes for ports:

As this Convention stipulates Model form of SIDs to specify the required data such as security features and biometric template using advanced technologies etc., both security enhancement in ports and facilitation of seafarers' shore access are expected to be realized.

Links with other conventions:

(Text of C108 Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958)

<http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/cgi-lex/convde.pl?C108>

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