

International Labour Conference

DRAFT CONVENTION CONCERNING SEAMEN'S ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation of the League of Nations,

Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Ninth Session on 7 June 1926, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to seamen's articles of agreement, which is included in the first item of the agenda of the Session, and

Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of a draft international convention,

adopts, this twenty-fourth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, the following Draft Convention for ratification by the Members of the International Labour Organisation, in accordance with the provisions of Part XIII of the Treaty of Versailles and of the corresponding Parts of the other Treaties of Peace:

ARTICLE 1

This Convention shall apply to all seagoing vessels registered in the country of any Member ratifying this Convention, and to the owners, masters and seamen of such vessels.

It shall not apply to:

- ships of war,
- Government vessels not engaged in trade,
- vessels engaged in the coasting trade,
- pleasure yachts,
- Indian country craft,
- fishing vessels,
- vessels of less than 100 tons gross registered tonnage or 300 cubic metres, nor to vessels engaged in the home trade below the tonnage limit prescribed by national law for the special regulation of this trade at the date of the passing of this Convention.

ARTICLE 2

For the purpose of this Convention the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, viz.:

(a) The term "vessel" includes any ship or boat of any nature whatsoever, whether publicly or privately owned, ordinarily engaged in maritime navigation.

(b) The term "seaman" includes every person employed or engaged in any capacity on board any vessel and entered on the ship's articles. It excludes apprentices, pilots, cadets and pupils on training ships and duly indentured apprentices, naval ratings, and other persons in the permanent service of a Government.

(c) The term "master" includes every person having command and charge of a vessel except pilots.