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Repatriation Rules under MLC

Better rules on repatriation under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) - which comes into force in August 20, 2013 - may reduce the incidence of stranded seafarers during pay disputes or technical issues.

When the MLC convention comes into force ships flagged in MLC-ratifying countries will be required by that country to have financial security to cover the costs of repatriation. If the shipowner will not repatriate, then the flag state is required to repatriate them.

The MLC would also help in the following ways, if the agency was based in a ratifying country it would have to:

- check that the shipowner had the means to repatriate the seafarer
- provide a system of protection to meet any financial losses (wages, etc.) due to the failure of the shipowner or the agency to meet their obligations to the seafarer.

REFERENCES:

- ILO MLC

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