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To:	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag:	All Flags
Subject:	ILO database – ships’ abandoned
Reference:	ILO

ILO offers a database on reported incidents of abandonment of seafarers. This database contains a regularly updated list of vessels that have been reported to the ILO as abandoned in various ports of the world by appropriate organizations. It specifically includes information on seafarers, who have been abandoned and their current status.

During its fifth meeting, the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers (Joint Working Group), held in London at the Headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) from 12 to 14 January 2004, expressed the need for a database on abandonment cases, to be set up as soon as feasible.

The ILO carried out the relevant studies and it was decided, in consultation with the IMO Secretariat, to host the database. The ILO wishes to express its appreciation to International Ship Suppliers' Association (ISSA) for its support in making this database possible.

Governments and relevant organizations are invited to send the appropriate information to the ILO in the form below (please click image to enlarge) provided in [IMO/ILO/WGLCCS5/3, Annex 2, page 7](#), preferably by email to the following address: marit@ilo.org or by fax to +41 22 799 70 50.

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Form to be used when providing information on cases of abandonment

Name of Ship	Flag	IMO Number	Number of seafarers	Nationality of seafarers	Name of port	Circumstances of abandonment (Please provide relevant details)	Date of abandonment	Date of notification of the flag State	Action taken (Please provide relevant details)	Status of repatriation	Status of payment of outstanding remuneration	Reporting Member Government or organization	Comments ¹

Is this a follow-up submission to a previously reported case of abandonment? ? Yes ? No

Is this a submission of comments or observation relating to a reported case of abandonment? ? Yes ? No
(If Yes, indicate who is making this submission)

¹ When submitting comments or observation at least the columns headed name of ship, flag, IMO Number and date of abandonment should be completed, in order to enable the easy identification of the case. All comments and observation should be entered under the column headed Comments together with any associated explanations.

² The Member Government or organization submitting the comments or observation should be indicated in the six monthly and in the annual composite reports.

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The international maritime community has recently adopted measures to protect abandoned seafarers, and to provide financial security for compensation in cases of death and long-term disability. Under the new provisions, ships will be required to carry certificates or other documents to establish that financial security exists to protect seafarers working on board. Failure to provide this protection may mean that a ship can be detained in a port.

REFERENCES:

- ILO

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Kindest Regards,

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