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Maritime Labour Convention 2006 – Amendments effective January 18, 2017

The first amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 which ensure better protection to seafarers and their families in case of abandonment, death and long-term disability entered into force on 18 January 2017. Canada is a ratifying member of the Maritime Labour Convention and therefore, as of 18 January 2017, vessels in excess of 500GRT and engaged in international trade must carry on board a certificate or other documentary evidence of financial security to comply with these new provisions i.e.

a) Liabilities in respect of outstanding wages and repatriation of a seafarer together with costs and expenses incidental thereto in accordance with Regulation 2.5, Standard A2.5 and Guideline B2.5; and

(b) Liabilities in respect of compensating a seafarer for death or long-term disability in accordance with Regulation 4.2, Standard A4.2.1 and Guideline B4.2.

It is our understanding that Canadian issued P&I policies tend to generally exclude crew coverage and as such the CBMU is not concerned with the entry into force of the Convention Amendments. We believe it is the responsibility of each individual member company to make an Underwriting decision as to whether or not they are willing to offer this certificate with the related coverages.

CBMU Members that do provide crew liability coverage or are interested in the amendments can read more at the following link:

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_248905.pdf

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