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(Amendments to maritime labour convention 2006)

Under new amendments approved in June 2014 by the international labour organization governing body to maritime labour convention (MLC) 2006 and expected to enter into force no earlier than 2017, ship-owners are required to demonstrate that they have a financial security in place to cover their following liabilities for the seafarers stranded abroad in the form of a **Documentary Evidence** normally issued by P&I clubs:

- 1-Rapatiation costs.
- 2-Essential needs such as food, accommodation and medical care.
- 3-Unpaid crew wages for up to maximum four months.
- 4-Contractual payment for death or long term disability due to an occupational

injury, illness or hazard set out in employment agreement or collective bargaining agreement (CBA).

5-Interim payment where the extent of occupational illness or disability is not clear.

The amendments to the convention also confer on seafarers a right of direct action against the security provider, similar to the direct action rights which arise under blue cards issued by clubs under the IMO conventions. The financial security provider will remain liable under the security unless his liability has been terminated by a minimum 30 days' notice to the relevant Flag State.

