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Joint Action Group to review the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world's transport workers and the global supply chain (JAG-TSC)

ILO update – developments since JAG 1 (March 2022)



- **Special Tripartite Committee of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, Fourth Session, Part 2 (5-13 May 2022, hybrid format)**
 - 12 proposals for amendments considered
 - Several sets of amendments adopted relevant to COVID-19 and future crisis situations



Amendments related to Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation

Including:

- *Members shall facilitate the prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned within the meaning of Standard A2.5.2, paragraph 2.*
- *Port States, flag States and labour supplying States shall cooperate to ensure that seafarers engaged on a ship to replace seafarers who have been abandoned in their territory, or on a ship flying their flag, shall be accorded their rights and entitlements under this Convention.*



Amendments related to Regulation 3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

- Including:
 - *Appropriate seafarers' recreational facilities, amenities and services, including **social connectivity**, as adapted to meet the special needs of seafarers who must live and work on ships, shall be provided on board for the benefit of all seafarers, taking into account Regulation 4.3 and the associated Code provisions on health and safety protection and accident prevention.*



► Amendments related to Regulation 4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore

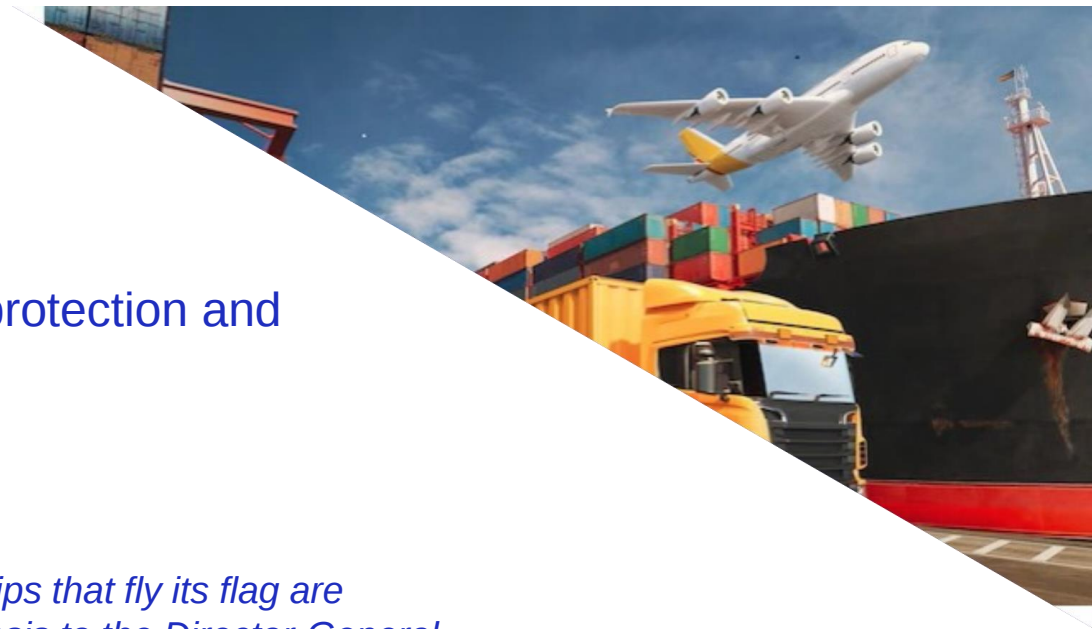
- Including:

- *Each Member shall ensure prompt disembarkation of seafarers in need of immediate medical care from ships in its territory and access to medical facilities ashore for the provision of appropriate treatment.*
- *Each Member should ensure that seafarers are not prevented from disembarking for public health reasons, and that they are able to replenish ships' stores, fuel, water, food and supplies.*
 - *Seafarers should be considered to be in need of immediate medical care in cases of, but not limited to [list of conditions]*
- *Where a seafarer has died during a ship's voyage, the Member in whose territory the death has occurred or, where the death has occurred on the high seas, into whose territorial waters the ship next enters, shall facilitate the repatriation of the body or ashes by the shipowner, in accordance with the wishes of the seafarer or their next of kin, as appropriate.*



Amendments related to Regulation 4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention

- Including:
 - *“All deaths of seafarers employed, engaged or working on board ships that fly its flag are adequately investigated and recorded, and reported on an annual basis to the Director-General of the International Labour Office to be published in a global register”.*



More details:

- [STC 4, Part 2, website](#)
- [Press release](#)
- [texts of amendments adopted by STC](#)



Next:

- Amendments being sent to 110th Session of International Labour Conference
- If approved, notified to members who have ratified MLC, 2006
- Members have two years to express formal disagreement
- Expected to **end of December 2024**





Ad hoc virtual UN inter-agency Task Force on the impact of COVID-19 on seafarers (11 April 2022) – virtual format

- Participants from ICAO, ILO, IMO, WHO, UNCTAD, UN DOALOS
- Agencies assigned follow up to decisions taken by the UN Secretary-General's Executive Committee (UN SG's EC) in January 2022:
 - Examine MLC, 2006 implementation & practical application during the pandemic
 - Challenges faced
 - Advise DCO and UN Resident Coordinators on outreach efforts
 - Support digital version of the WHO booklet and harmonization of documentation
 - Support the work of the IMO's SCAT
 - Support the digital issuance of health proofs & interoperability with ICAO VDS-NC
 - Promote the use of the maritime human rights COVID-19 due diligence guidebook
 - **Take into account the work of the JAG-TSC**
 - Report to the UN Executive Committee (by end of 2022)
- Next meeting – 2 September 2022

JAG-TSC website

Purpose

Composition

Format

Informal report of first meeting

Presentations

