

SEAFARER SUBJECT GUIDE

ABANDONMENT IN EGYPT

This Guide deals with the situation where seafarers are abandoned in a port in Egypt as well as where seafarers are abandoned on an Egyptian flagged vessel in a port outside Egypt. This document is not intended to be legal advice, nor does it constitute legal advice. If a seafarer is abandoned, he is strongly advised to consult a lawyer qualified to practise in Egypt.

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- 1. When is a seafarer considered abandoned according to national case law or legislation? Is there any special legislation concerning abandoned crew?**
 - 1.1 The Egyptian Commercial Maritime Law does not address the abandonment of a seafarer.
 - 1.2 Therefore, the general rules applying between the employer and the employee in the general civil law, the private labour law and maritime law would apply, depending on the circumstances.
- 2. What is the immigration status of abandoned seafarers?**
 - 2.1 The normal immigration formalities applicable in seaports apply as long as the seafarer holds a valid seaman's passport.
- 3. Can an abandoned seafarer get shore leave?**
 - 3.1 If the seafarer applies through the vessel's agents for shore leave, and the competent authorities grant shore leave, then the seafarer will be allowed to go ashore as other seafarers would normally be allowed.
- 4. Is abandonment of seafarers considered a crime?**
 - 4.1 Since the Egyptian Commercial Law has not specifically addressed the question of abandonment of a seafarer, the abandonment of a seafarer is not considered a criminal offense.

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5. What entities and/or persons may be involved with or assist an abandoned crew?

5.1 Various entities and/or persons may be involved with or assist an abandoned crew.

5.2 Lawyers

See FIND ASSISTANCE on the SRI app which can be downloaded from the home page of the SRI website at www.seafarersrights.org

5.2.1 In addition, reference may be made to the Guide on Using Lawyers and Fact File available on the SRI app and at

https://www.seafarersrights.org/seafarers_subjects/using_lawyers/

5.3 ITF Inspectors and union officials

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5.4 Welfare agencies

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5.5 Governments and Embassies

Additionally the seafarer may need to access government official websites, including lists of embassies, to find an appropriate contact.