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LEGAL OPINION

Coastal ferries – Express trips bonus

Seafarers employed on coastal ferries are entitled to at least six hours of relaxation and preparation between the end of one trip and the start of the next.

However, there are occasions when the interval between the voyages is less than six hours. In such a case, an additional allowance is paid for so-called "express" trips.

Further, an additional allowance is provided for when the vessel performs regular daily voyages, if it performs more than five round trips a week.

A seafarer may not waive his rights to his wages (including bonuses and other allowances). Even if he expressly does so, such a waiver is invalid.

One membered Piraeus Court of Appeal Judgment no 192/2015, Judge: Z. Karachaliou, Attorneys at law: P. Sioufas, Ev. Papantonopoulou, Ap. Tsiantis, Maritime Law Review vol. 43, p. 99.

NOTE: Ferries in the coastal network are under a peculiar regime, conforming to the nature of their employment. Seafarers contracted onboard these vessels are paid through collective agreements, according to the various capacities employed onboard.

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