

Greece Moves to Curb Desertions by Seamen

The Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine has issued a decree to curb an "alarming increase" in desertions by Greek seamen, according to a report published by Allalouf & Co., shipping agents in Piraeus.

Deserters from Greek ships will have their "seamen's books" confiscated by consular officials, thus preventing the men from signing on to another vessel until their cases are heard in court.

The report said the measure sponsored by shipowners who reported a sharp rise in desertions, particularly at United States ports.

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