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ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR LAW STATUS OF SEAFARERS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Abstract: *The aim of this paper is to present the regulation of the labour law status of seafarers in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia. The choice of these countries to analyse the labour status of seafarers is not random, but deliberate, as they had many historical moments, legal traditions and culture in common. The question of the labour and social status of seafarers is a specific and very complex issue in labour law in general. As employees, seafarers have a different labour and social status in many respects than shore-based workers. For this reason, the International Labour Organisation has adopted no less than 68 documents regulating their labour status. All of these International Labour Organisation documents are brought together in the 2006 Maritime Labour Convention. For this very reason, Maritime Labour Convention is the most important legal instrument relating to the regulation of the work, life and social rights of seafarers. In this context, this paper examines and analyses the national Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatian regulations governing the labour and social status of seafarers, particularly with regard to the application of the standards prescribed in the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention.*

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