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## **JOINT RECOMMENDATION BY DANISH SHIPPING AND THE MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE (MTWTU)**

### **Background**

Since the start of the war in Ukraine, Ukrainian seafarers have faced severe challenges in renewing their qualification documents and seaman's books — both essential for maintaining employment and meeting international maritime standards. Travel restrictions and administrative disruptions have made it difficult to complete the necessary procedures within Ukraine.

Following close cooperation between the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine (MTWTU), Ukrainian authorities, and competent bodies, Morrichservice has been authorized to issue new seaman's books through its office in Warsaw, Poland. This arrangement, available since 17 September 2025, enables Ukrainian seafarers to obtain their documents abroad, thereby ensuring continuity of employment despite ongoing difficulties.

The service costs EUR 560, with seaman's books generally issued within three weeks of application.

### **Joint Recommendation**

Danish Shipping and the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine (MTWTU) welcome this development and will jointly disseminate information to their respective members about the service provided by Morrichservice.

Both organisations encourage Danish Shipping's members to voluntarily consider supporting Ukrainian seafarers who need to renew or reissue their seaman's books through this process, by fully or partly compensating or reimbursing the documented cost of obtaining Ukrainian national seaman's books.

Such voluntary support may be of particular value given the extraordinary and difficult circumstances Ukrainian seafarers continue to face as a result of the war. Assistance with these administrative costs can help ensure that affected seafarers remain able to work and contribute to the global maritime industry.



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If a member of Danish Shipping decides to support Ukrainian seafarers in obtaining new seaman's books, the shipping company may establish its own internal policy or guidelines defining the terms, mechanisms, and categories of seafarers eligible for such voluntary support, ensuring that assistance is provided in a fair and transparent manner.

This recommendation is non-binding and intended solely as an expression of solidarity and practical support for seafarers affected by the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

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