

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 9: LABOR**

**§ 9152. Repatriation; Rights Generally.**

(a) Any seaman who is put ashore at a port other than the one where the seaman signed the shipping articles and who is put ashore for reasons for which the seaman is not responsible, shall be returned as a crew member or otherwise, but without expense to him:

(1) At the shipowner's option, to the port at which the seaman was engaged or where the voyage commenced or to a port of the seaman's own country; or

(2) To another port, agreed upon between the seaman and the shipowner or the master.

However, if the seaman's contract period of service has not expired, the shipowner shall have the right to transfer the seaman to another of the shipowner's vessels to serve on it for the balance of the contract period of service.

(b) Any seaman whose period of employment is terminated by reason of completion of the voyage for which the seaman was engaged or by expiration of the contract period of employment shall be entitled to repatriation, at no expense to him, to the port at which the seaman was engaged or to such other port as may be agreed upon.

(c) The right to repatriation is lost by failure of the seaman to request repatriation within one week from the time the seaman is in condition to be repatriated.

**Source:** 19 TTC § 220.