



Withholding tax on crew salaries

The Finance Ministry issued circular Pol. 1072 on 31 March 2015 with guidelines on the withholding tax of salaries paid to the crew of vessels. Officers are subject to a 15% withholding tax on their income while lower level crew is taxed at 10%.

The Circular provides the following clarifications:

Greek flag vessels engaged in international transport

- The tax applies to both Greek and foreign tax residents.
- The Greek ship owning company or the Greek management office is the person liable to withhold.

Foreign flag vessels engaged in international transport under the management of a Greek office

- The tax applies to Greek tax residents only.

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- The Greek ship owning company or the Greek management office is the person liable to withhold.

Greek or foreign flag vessels engaged in domestic transportation

- The tax applies to both Greek and foreign tax residents.
- The withholding agent is the Greek ship owner or the foreign ship owner or Greek management office.

A failure or a delay in submitting the withholding tax return results in severe penalties that double the initial obligation.

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