

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

**§ 9164. Desertion.**

(a) Any seaman who deserts a vessel with the intention of not returning to duty and who remains unlawfully in a foreign country is guilty of desertion and may be liable to answer for any damages or losses suffered by the shipowner as a consequence of the desertion.

(b) The master shall make an entry of all desertions in the logbook and file a report with the office of the director. The local authorities of the port shall be notified and requested to apprehend and deliver the deserter.

**Source:** 19 TTC § 225.

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the reference to the “director” of the Department of Commerce and Labor, see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 4 CMC § 9212.