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The current Finnish icebreaker union dispute threatens Viking Line's passenger traffic

The Finnish Seafarer's Union and Finland's Engineer's Association have informed that the current threat of a strike relating to Finnish icebreakers may also be extended to a sympathy strike starting Thursday 2.14.2015 at 1400 hrs Finnish time. According to the information we currently have at hand the indicated measures may involve all of Viking Line's vessels (nevertheless potentially excluding M/S Viking Cinderella and M/S Viking XPRS). If this would materialize, then it would affect some 87 000 trips.

Should this sympathy strike materialize, then the Finnish flagged vessels Amorella, Viking Grace, Mariella, Gabriella and Rosella neither transport freight or passengers.

Viking Line is not a part of the underlying conflict. We are unable to influence the negotiations and we look very seriously upon the current situation.

The following applies to customers who have made a reservation to travel with Viking Line during the next days. Our standard cancellation and alteration policies apply up until a potential sympathy strike materializes. In the occurrence of the sympathy strike eventually happening, then we will refund the price of the reservation.

Viking Line is continuously monitoring the situation, but we assume that the parties involved in the conflict will reach an agreement so that the sympathy strike does not materialize

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