

Reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States

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PURPOSE: reduce the amount of reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from EU ports in order to facilitate maritime transport.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2010/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States and repealing Directive 2002/6/EC.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a directive aimed at reducing the administrative procedures to be fulfilled when ships arrive at or depart from EU ports, thereby facilitating maritime transport following an agreement reached at first reading with the European Parliament and the Council.

Subject matter and scope: the purpose of this Directive is to simplify and harmonise the administrative procedures applied to maritime transport by making the **electronic transmission of information standard** and by rationalising reporting formalities. Each Member State shall take measures to ensure that the reporting formalities are requested in a harmonised and coordinated manner within that Member State.

Notification prior to arrival into ports: Member States shall ensure that the master or any other person duly authorised by the operator of the ship provides notification, prior to arriving in a port situated in a Member State, of the information required under the reporting formalities to the competent authority designated by that Member State.

Electronic transmission of data: Member States shall accept the fulfilment of reporting formalities in electronic format and their transmission via a **single window** as soon as possible and in any case **no later than 1 June 2015**. This single window, linking SafeSeaNet, e-Customs and other electronic systems, shall be the place where, in accordance with this Directive, all information is reported once and made available to various competent authorities and the Member States.

Information in FAL forms: the Directive provides that Member States shall accept FAL forms for the fulfilment of reporting formalities. Member States may accept that information required in accordance with a legal act of the Union is provided in a paper format until 1 June 2015 only.

Exchange of data: Member States shall ensure that information received in accordance with the reporting formalities provided in a legal act of the Union is made available in their national SafeSeaNet systems and shall make relevant parts of such information available to other Member States via the SafeSeaNet system; however, they may exclude data for customs and border control purposes from this exchange.

Report: the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the Council, by 19 November 2013, on the functioning of this Directive.

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