# Maritime safety: accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers. Recast

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Dominique RIQUET (EPP, FR) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers (recast).

The committee recommends that the European Parliament's position, adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, should take account of the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

The Consultative Working Party considers that the proposal in question does not include any substantive changes other than those identified as such in the proposal. As regards the codification of the unchanged provisions of the earlier acts with those changes, the proposal contains a straightforward codification of the existing texts, without any change in their substance.

The amendments proposed by the Members concern the conditions as regards the **power conferred on the Commission to adopt delegated acts**: Members consider that the Commission should make **proper consultations** before it adopts a delegated act. Moreover, if Parliament delegates powers to the Commission it is important that it is kept suitably informed and that the relevant documents are provided.

Moreover, the delegation of power to the Commission should be limited in duration to a **period of five years, which may be renewed** provided certain conditions are met, such as a report being drawn up, and provided Parliament and the Council have no objections.

Lastly, it should be possible for the **period for lodging objections to a delegated act to be four months in total**. This would be more realistic in order to give Parliament and the Council the time to follow the required procedure for pursuing an objection.