Ship inspection and survey organisations: withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union

2018/0298(COD) - 13/03/2019 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 590 votes to 9, with 21 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 as regards the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union.

The European Parliament’s position was adopted at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure.

Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 2009/15/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council together constitute the regulatory framework for the activities of recognised ship inspection, survey and certification organisations.

The proposal aims to resolve the legal uncertainty created in the area of recognised organisations by the United Kingdom's withdrawal, and to safeguard business continuity for the ship owners affected as well as the competitiveness of the flags of the EU-27 Member States working with the organisations concerned.

Under the proposal, all recognised organisations shall be assessed by the Commission, together with the Member State or Member States which authorised them in accordance with Directive 2009/15/EC, on a regular basis and at least every two years, to verify that they meet the obligations under this Regulation and fulfil the minimum criteria set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

In order to ensure the coordination of national and Union activities with regard to the monitoring of recognised organisations, the Commission should consult with experts and identify and exchange good practices to avoid duplication of work and to make best use of existing capacities and resources.