Maritime safefy: safe loading and unloading of bulk carriers

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The Council accepted, fully or in part, 12 of the 15 amendments suggested by the European Parliament. Many changes are intended to clarify the text. It must be noted that: - concerning possible commercial interests of competent authorities in the terminals, the Council will not widen the scope of the Directive and prejudge the various administrative models in Member States concerning the relationship between terminals and authorities. It therefore made reference to safety related action of the authorities, which should not be dependent on commercial interests. Of the amendments rejected, the Council turned down the requirement that all damage to ship be reported to the classification society in order to avoid an undue administrative burden. It also could not exclude the monitoring of hot work onboard ship from the dutieis of the terminal representative, as this could compromise his role in ensuring the safety of loading and unloading.