Maritime safety: minimum level of training of seafarers

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OBJECTIVE: To adapt Directive 94/58/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers, based on the internationally agreed training rules as contained in the IMO Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention) of 1978. SUBSTANCE: At the IMO Conference which took place in London from 26 June to 7 July 1995 the STCW 1978 Convention was substantially revised. In the light of the revised Convention (STCW 95), the Commission proposal to adapt the Directive concerns: - the new training and certification requirements including watchkeeping provisions which deal, inter alia, with the mandatory minimum rest period for watchkeeping personnel; - the introduction of common criteria for the recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by third countries. It should be noted that the proposal does not amend the articles of Directive 94/58/EC concerning communication on board ship and Port State controls.