

# **Harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over**

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**PURPOSE** : to harmonise the interpretations relating to the safety regime for fishing vessels.  
**COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Commission Directive 35/2002/EC amending council Directive 97/70/EC setting up a harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over. **CONTENT** : Directive 97/70/EC established a harmonised safety regime for certain fishing vessels, applying the Torremolinos Protocol to them. In order to ensure consistency in the application of the provisions of the Annex of the Torremolinos Protocol for the application of Directive 97/70/EC, it is necessary to harmonise the interpretations left to the discretion of the Member States. These harmonised interpretations apply only to fishing vessels constructed on or after 01/01/03 as they imply important changes in the construction of fishing vessels. Directive 97/70/EC is amended accordingly. **DATE FOR TRANSPOSITION** : 01/01/03. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 17/05/02.