

# Maritime safety: registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships

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In adopting the report by Mr Mark Watts (PES; UK), the European Parliament amended the proposal for a directive on the registration of persons sailing on board of passenger ships. His amendments call for: - the directive to apply also to all 'under sea' rail tunnels involving car shuttle journeys in excess of twenty miles; - the passenger's age to be included in the information recorded in the passenger list; - passenger information to be recorded where the normal journey time is estimated to be at least two hours or if the distance between the two ports is at least 20 miles;. - this information, together with the number of persons on board prior to departure, to be communicated to the person designated by the company; - where the ship's normal journey time is estimated to be less than two hours or the distance is less than 20 miles, the number of persons on board to be communicated to the person designated by the company. Parliament also stressed that safety standards for the design and building of Ro-Ro passenger vessels, including watertight bulkheads and sponsons, are urgently required and must be included among future measures to improve safety at sea.