# Mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States

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PURPOSE: The mutual recognition of seafarers’ certificates issued by the Member States.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2005/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: This Directive obliges Member States to recognise the seafarers’ certificates, which have been issued by another Member State in accordance with Directive 2001/25/EC. Specifically, each Member State should permit a seafarer having acquired his/her certificate of competency in another Member State, satisfying the requirement of Directive 2001/25, to take up or to pursue the maritime profession for which he/she is qualified, without any prerequisites other than those imposed on its own national. At the same time, the amending Directive is introducing a requirement that the STCW Convention on language will be introduced into Community law.

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