Safe seas: ro-ro passenger ships, specific stability requirements

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PURPOSE : to establish specific stability requirement for ro-ro passenger ships. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Directive 2003/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships. CONTENT : the purpose of this Directive is to lay down a uniform level of specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships, which will improve the survivability of this type of vessel in case of collision damage and provide a high level of safety for the passengers and the crew. This Directive shall apply to all ro-ro passenger ships operating to or from a port of a Member State on a regular service, regardless of their flag, when engaged on international voyages. This Directive obliges Member States to lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements of the national provisions adopted pursuant to this Directive and shall take all the measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties provided for shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 17 May 2003. IMPLEMENTATION : 17 November 2004.