

Basic information	
<b>1993/0517( SYN)</b>  SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	SARLIS Pavlos (PPE)	26/07/1994
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	1782	1994-09-19
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1803	1994-11-22
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Key events			
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26/05/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0217	<a href="#">Summary</a>
12/07/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/02/1994	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
08/03/1994	Debate in Parliament		<a href="#">Summary</a>
21/04/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0124	<a href="#">Summary</a>
19/09/1994	Council position published	08195/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>
28/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
25/10/1994	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		<a href="#">Summary</a>
25/10/1994	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0042/1994	
15/11/1994	Debate in Parliament		
22/11/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

22/11/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/4/05960

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0141/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 091 28.03.1994, p. 0042-0109</a>	09/03/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0042/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 341 05.12.1994, p. 0005</a>	25/10/1994	
Council of the EU				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Council position		08195/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 301 27.10.1994, p. 0041</a>	19/09/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal		COM(1993)0217 <a href="#">OJ C 212 05.08.1993, p. 0001</a>	26/05/1993	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1994)0124 <a href="#">OJ C 144 27.05.1994, p. 0003</a>	21/04/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Commission communication on Council's position		SEC(1994)1494 	26/09/1994	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1159/1993</a> <a href="#">OJ C 034 02.02.1994, p. 0010</a>	24/11/1993	<a href="#">Summary</a>

Additional information		
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Final act
Directive 1994/0058 OJ L 319 12.12.1994, p. 0028

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## Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level

1993/0517(SYN) - 22/11/1994 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to harmonise the minimum level of training of "seafarers" (masters, officers, deck officers, chief mates, engineers, radio operators, electricians, ratings and lifeboatmen). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Directive 94/58/EC on the minimum level of training for seafarers. CONTENT: this directive makes provision for the following: . masters, officers and ratings forming part of a navigational watch or engine room watch and lifeboatmen serving on a ship must be trained in compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention (IMO Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) and must hold a certificate; . the training provided to seafarers must allow them to acquire the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required by the annex to the directive (in particular the use of life-saving and fire-fighting equipment) and must include language training for persons in contact with passengers and working on ships carrying dangerous or polluting products; . the Member States must designate the bodies authorised to provide training and issue certificates; . detailed provision is made for the mutual recognition of certificates between Member States (including certificates held by non-Community nationals); . in circumstances of exceptional necessity, a seafarer without a certificate may be granted dispensation to serve on board a ship for a period of no more than six months. This dispensation may not be granted to a master or chief engineer or radio operator (except in cases of force majeure) and may only be granted to a person with a certificate for the post immediately below; . the Member States must take measures to guarantee that third country ships with no Community certificate or certificate which complies with the STCW Convention are subject to aptitude inspections as a matter of priority; . provision is made for a procedure to adapt the directive to any amendments which may be made to the international codes applicable. DATE OF TRANPOSITION: 31 December 1995.

## Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level

1993/0517(SYN) - 16/11/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament approved the Council common position without amendment.

## Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level

1993/0517(SYN) - 21/04/1994 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission incorporated Parliament's amendments which sought: - to improve the wording of the text in order to take better account of the IMO Convention on standards of training for seafarers, the requirements of the STCW Convention on certification and watchkeeping for seafarers and IMO Resolution A 778(18) on minimum training requirements for those appointed to assist passengers in the event of an emergency arising on board passenger ships; - to make reference to training and certification in non-Community countries and to introduce common criteria to be applied throughout the EU for the recognition of these certificates; - to strengthen measures for aptitude inspections to be carried out by the State port authorities.

## Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level

1993/0517(SYN) - 09/03/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament adopted the report by Mr Sarlis on the minimum level of training for seafarers.

## Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level

1993/0517( SYN) - 19/09/1994 - Council position

The Council's common position incorporates the essence of the amendments by the European Parliament. The Council also approved part of Parliament's opinion on deleting all rules on watches from the annexes to the directive. The Council also introduced a number of new provisions into the proposal for a directive: - replacing the term "maritime professions" by "seafarers"; - adding a reference to the question of using a common language; - making explicit reference to the STWC convention in the Annex to the directive; - deleting the articles referring to Directives 92/29/EEC and 89/391/EEC; - clarifying the obligations of the Member States as regards training and certification; - referring to Directives 89/48/EEC and 92/51/EEC in order to resolve the problem of the recognition of certificates issued by the Member States, irrespective of the certificate holder's nationality; - introducing a detailed procedure for the recognition of certificates issued in the Union by third countries; - introducing a procedure for adapting the directive to subsequent changes in the international codes applicable.

## **Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level**

1993/0517( SYN) - 13/06/1994

## **Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level**

1993/0517( SYN) - 26/05/1993 - Legislative proposal

This proposal for a Directive aimed to harmonise the minimum level of training required for seagoing professions (masters, officers, seamen, engineers, persons responsible for the operation of lifeboats and life rafts): drawing upon the relevant international provisions (such as the ILO's STCW Convention), it incorporated, in addition to such training, a linguistic aspect for professions involving contact with passengers and those applicable to vessels carrying hazardous or polluting substances. With effect from 1995, all Member States would be required to issue seafarers with certificates complying with the provisions laid down. Moreover, agreements between the Community and third countries would have to guarantee the establishment of equal standing between all crews, Community and otherwise, working within the Community.

## **Maritime safety: seafarers, minimum training level**

1993/0517( SYN) - 24/11/1993 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report