## Basic information

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| **1998/0158(COD)**<br>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn |
| Maritime transport: freedom to provide services, maritime cabotage<br>**Subject**<br>3.20.03 Maritime transport: passengers and freight | |

## Key players

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| European Parliament | **Former committee responsible** | **Former rapporteur** | **Appointed** |
| | TRAN Transport and Tourism | MCINTOSH Anne Caroline B. (PPE) | 02/09/1998 |

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| Council of the European Union | **Council configuration** | **Meetings** | **Date** |
| | Transport, Telecommunications and Energy | 2142 | 1998-11-30 |
| | Transport, Telecommunications and Energy | 2107 | 1998-06-17 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 29/04/1998 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1998)0251 | Summary |
| 17/06/1998 | Debate in Council | | |
| 14/09/1998 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 30/11/1998 | Debate in Council | | |
| 17/02/1999 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | |
| 17/02/1999 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A4-0075/1999 | |
| 12/03/1999 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 28/07/1999 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | |
| 28/07/1999 | Committee report tabled for plenary confirming Parliament's position | A5-0005/1999 | |
| 16/09/1999 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T5-0015/1999 | |
| 11/12/2001 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 11/12/2001 | Additional information | | Summary |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 1998/0158(COD) |
| **Procedure type** | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0075/1999<br>OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0004 | 17/02/1999 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T4-0202/1999<br>OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0417-0438 | 12/03/1999 | Summary |
| Committee final report tabled for plenary, 1st reading /single reading | | A5-0005/1999<br>OJ C 054 25.02.2000, p. 0010 | 28/07/1999 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading | | T5-0015/1999<br>OJ C 054 25.02.2000, p. 0056-0079 | 16/09/1999 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legislative proposal | COM(1998)0251 | 29/04/1998 | Summary |
| Reconsultation | SEC(1999)0581 | 28/04/1999 | |
| Document attached to the procedure | SEC(2000)0377 | 25/02/2000 | |

**Other institutions and bodies**

| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES1436/1998<br>OJ C 040 15.12.1999, p. 0003 | 02/12/1998 | |

## Additional information

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

# Maritime transport: freedom to provide services, maritime cabotage

1998/0158(COD) - 16/09/1999

The European Parliament confirmed its first reading in the context of the codecision procedure of the text that it adopted on 12.03.1999 concerning this proposal for a directive.

# Maritime transport: freedom to provide services, maritime cabotage

1998/0158(COD) - 29/04/1998 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: the proposal for a regulation has two objectives: - to ensure fair competition conditions/level playing field for all providers of regular passenger-ferry services between Member States; - to protect the employment of Community seafarers by guaranteeing that the terms and conditions of employment of all seafaring personnel in this trade will be in line with the level of the standards generally applicable in the Community. CONTENT: Council Regulation 3577/92/EEC makes different provisions for the liberalization of island cabotage as compared with mainland cabotage and requires the Commission to submit to the Council, on the basis of a report on the economic and social impact of the liberalization of island cabotage, a proposal which may include adjustments to the manning nationality provisions so that the definitive system for island cabotage shall be approved by the Council before 01/01/99. The 1997 Commission report referred to above considers that the regulation currently in force, which accords responsibility for all matters relating to manning in the island cabotage market to the host State, to be an obstacle to the operation of the single market. On the basis of this report, the Commission therefore proposes amending regulation 3577/98/EEC in order to remove this derogation and, as with mainland cabotage, accord responsibility for matters relating to manning to the flag State. Due to the particular characteristics of island passenger cabotage, as compared to island cargo cabotage, the Commission proposes, in particular, that Member States be allowed to require that all personnel employed on the passenger vessels operating within their territory shall consist of Community nationals, provided (of course) that this rule equally applies to vessels operating under their own national flag. This proposition is based on the principle that third-country seafarers employed in regular passenger services should receive equal treatment with Community residents.

# Maritime transport: freedom to provide services, maritime cabotage

1998/0158(COD) - 12/03/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The Parliament adopted the text of the Commission's proposal subject to a few amendments. The Rapporteur was Ms. Anne McIntosh (EPP, UK). The Parliament voted against a move by the Commission to oblige ship owners on certain services operating in EU waters to lay down the same conditions and services for crews recruited in a non-EU member state. It also introduced an amendment requiring the Commission to review the economic and social impact of the liberalisation of island cabotage and to report back to the Parliament and the Council by 1 January 2001. On the basis of this report, the Commission would submit a proposal to the Parliament and the Council with a view to setting up a definitive system which will be approved by the Council and Parliament in due time and before 1 January 2003.