Basic information

2000/0236(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS) Amending Regulation (EC) No 2978/94 1993/0481(SYN) Amending Regulation (EC) No 3051/95 1995/0028(SYN) Amending Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 2000/0067(COD) **Subject** 3.20.03 Maritime transport: passengers and freight 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	BAKOPOULOS Emmanouil (GUE/NGL)	11/10/2000

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	BAKOPOULOS Emmanouil (GUE/NGL)	11/10/2000

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	GROSSETÊTE Françoise (PPE-DE)	21/11/2000

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2420	2002-03-25
Agriculture and Fisheries	2428	2002-05-27

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Energy and Transport	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/09/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0489	Summary
06/10/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/01/2001	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
24/01/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0031/2001	
13/02/2001	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0064/2001	Summary
27/12/2001	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0788	Summary
27/05/2002	Council position published	07100/1/2002	Summary
30/05/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
10/09/2002	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
10/09/2002	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0280/2002	
24/09/2002	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0421/2002	Summary
05/11/2002	Final act signed		
05/11/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/11/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/0236(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2978/94 1993/0481(SYN) Amending Regulation (EC) No 3051/95 1995/0028(SYN) Amending Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 2000/0067(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single				

reading		A5-0031/2001	24/01/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0064/2001 OJ C 276 01.10.2001, p. 0022-0042	13/02/2001	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A5-0280/2002	10/09/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T5-0421/2002 OJ C 273 14.11.2003, p. 0021-0071 E	24/09/2002	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	07100/1/2002 OJ C 170 16.07.2002, p. 0037 E	27/05/2002	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0489	15/09/2000	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(2001)0788	27/12/2001	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(2002)0615	29/05/2002	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0230/2001 OJ C 139 11.05.2001, p. 0021	28/02/2001	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0405/2000 OJ C 253 12.09.2001, p. 0001	04/04/2001	
EU	Implementing legislative act	32007R0093 OJ L 022 31.01.2007, p. 0012	30/01/2007	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2002/2099
OJ L 324 29.11.2002, p. 0001-0005 Summary

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 05/11/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to improve the implementation of the pertinent Community legislation on maritime safety, protection of marine environment and shipboard living and working conditions. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Regulation 2099/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Committee on Safe Seas and the prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS) and amending the Regulations on maritime safety and the prevention of pollution from ships. CONTENT : the purpose of this Regulation is to improve the implementation of the Community legislation on maritime safety, the prevention of pollution from ships and shipboard living and working conditions by centralising the tasks of the committees set up under Community maritime legislation and replaced by this Regulation by establishing a single Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, to be known as COSS and by accelerating the update of, and facilitating subsequent amendments to, Community maritime legislation in the light of developments in the international instruments. In addition, a specific conformity checking procedure shall be set up to enable the Commission, after consulting COSS, to take whatever measures may be necessary to exclude the risk of amendments to the international instruments being incompatible with the aforesaid legislation or community policy on maritime safety, the prevention of pollution from ships and the protection of shipboard living and working conditions in force or with the objectives pursued in that legislation. Such a procedure shall also prevent international amendments from lowering the standard of maritime safety achieved within the Community. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 19 December 2002.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 29/05/2002 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission welcomed the amendments adopted by Parliament in its first reading and included the substance of those amendments in its amended proposal of 27.12.2001. The Council broadly supported the aims of the amended proposal, and unanimously adopted a common position on a text which reflects its content. However, a number of additional amendments were made, essentially in order to clarify certain aspects of the Commission proposal. The most important amendments concern the conformity checking procedure: the Council wanted the aims and procedures to be spelt out in greater detail.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 15/09/2000 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to improve the implementation of the pertinent Community legislation on maritime safety, protection of marine environment and shipboard living and working conditions (refer equally to COD/2000/0237). CONTENT : the proposed regulation aims to set up the committee on safe seas and lay down the procedures governing its operation and scope. The proposal also provides for amending existing regulations in the field of maritime safety, both to take account of the creation of the committee on safe seas and to facilitate their subsequent updating in the light of developments in the international legislation on maritime safety.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 30/01/2007 - Implementing legislative act

IMPLEMENTING ACT: Commission Regulation (EC) No 93/2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2099/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS).

CONTENT: the Committee on “Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships”, referred to as “COSS”, was set up by Regulation (EC) No 93 /2007.

The purpose of COSS is to bring together and centralise the tasks of all other Community committees dealing with maritime safety, the prevention of pollution from ships and the protection of shipboard living and working conditions. As such, all new Community legislation that affects maritime safety must have recourse to COSS.

Since the adoption of the COSS Regulation a number of new legislative acts have been adopted relating to maritime safety. Specifically they are:

- Regulation (EC) No 789/2004 on the transfer of cargo and passenger ships between registers within the Community.
- Directive 2005/35/EC on ship-source pollution and the introduction of penalties for infringements; and

- Regulation (EC) No 336/2006 on the implementation of the International Safety management Code within the Community.

The purpose of this implementing Regulation is to register the above mentioned legislative acts under Article 2 (2) of the COSS Regulation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 February 2007.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 24/09/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Emmanouil BAKOPOULOS (EUL/NGL, Greece) and approved the Council's common position.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 27/12/2001 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission welcomes most of the proposed parliamentary changes. Firstly, it accepts a re-wording of the Committee to be known as the "Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships". The Commission proposes that in future it should be referred to as "COSS" in order to clarify and simplify its name. Concerning the role of the European Parliament in the regulatory procedure, the Commission can accept this amendment subject to some rewording based on the standard wording approved at inter-institutional level for committee procedures. Thirdly, the Commission agrees to amend Article 4 relating to the conformity checking procedure. The Commission accepts a need for clarification and has itself made changes to the wording of the text in order to achieve this objective. In addition to accepting many of the Parliament's amendments, the Commission is taking the opportunity to propose some changes which would draw a distinct line between the recently established "European Maritime Safety Agency" and COSS. The first was set up in the wake of the ERIKA disaster. COSS on the other hand has a different remit. In order to clarify the roles and objectives of the two Committees the Commission proposes amending its proposal. The objective is to make it clear that the Committee will act only strictly within the implementing powers conferred on the Commission under the Treaty and that this proposal will imply no extension of these powers. Finally, the adopted proposal takes into account recently adopted Directives relating to port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues and a Directive on the minimum level of training of seafarers.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 13/02/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Emmanouil BAKOPOULOS (EUL/NGL, GR) on maritime safety. However, amendments were made which relate to the new name of the Committee on Safe Seas. The Parliament requests that the new name be 'Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships'.

Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (COSS)

2000/0236(COD) - 27/05/2002 - Council position

The unanimously adopted common position approves the objective of the proposal, which it regards as a justified simplification measure. The setting up of the Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, which will bring together under a single committee all the committee procedures put in place under various maritime safety regulations and directives, should make the committee work more transparent and allow more consistent implementation of Community policies on maritime safety and the prevention of pollution from ships. The centralisation of tasks should also facilitate the reduction of bureaucracy and costs by cutting down on the number of meetings. The Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships will be subject to the procedures relating to the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission, laid down in Council Decision No 1999/468/EC. The Council also approves the general pattern of the proposals as regards the rapid application of the most recent rules on maritime safety and the prevention of pollution from ships adopted by the international organisations. In that respect, the Council endorses the view that the procedures established to ensure rapid amendment of the relevant Community legislative texts in response to the changes in international rules should be accompanied by a prior check on the conformity of the amendments, to avoid the application of provisions that might be incompatible with Community law or lower Community maritime safety standards. The Council believes, however, that the circumstances in which the procedure to check conformity will be initiated must be clearly defined and it must be ensured that the whole procedure can be completed at the appropriate time, before expiry of the period after which the amendment is deemed to have been tacitly accepted or before the proposed date of entry into force of the amendment in question. It also wishes to ensure that the process of incorporating the changes to international rules into Community maritime law is as transparent as possible. The common position of the Council incorporates, fully or in substance, the amendments tabled by the European Parliament at

first reading: - the Council has amended the description of the committee's tasks and the scope of the legislative field covered by the proposal in order to include the prevention of pollution from ships and living and working conditions on board. The committee will be designated 'the Committee on Safe Seas and the Prevention of Pollution from Ships'. However, the Council does not consider that there should be any reference to the question of protection of the maritime environment, which is already covered by the environmental legislation; - the role of the European Parliament in the regulatory procedure established by Council Decision No 1999/468/EC is expressly referred to; - a specific reference to the abolition of the committees set up under Community maritime law has been included; - the procedure to check the conformity of the proposed amendments should only be resorted to if it has previously been established that the amendment would lower maritime safety standards or would be incompatible with Community legislation. To that end, the text makes the initiation of the procedure to check conformity subject to an evaluation, to be carried out by the Commission, to establish that there is a manifest risk in that regard. Finally, the common position adopts certain amendments made to the Commission's proposal, aimed in particular at: - defining the circumstances in which the procedure to check conformity will be initiated and improving the presentation of the provisions relating to the various aspects of the procedure. The procedure to check conformity is to be regarded as an exceptional measure, which can only be initiated in specific circumstances; - adding a reference to cooperation between the Commission and the Member States in the international bodies concerned, in order to reduce the risk of the latter adopting amendments that are incompatible with Community legislation; - making it clear that the Commission, acting if necessary at the request of a Member State, initiates the procedure to check conformity without delay and that the procedure ends at least one month before the expiry of the above-mentioned period; - introducing a provision to the effect that, in the interests of greater transparency, all the amendments concerned are to be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.