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<b>2002/0075(COD)</b> COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Safety rules and standards for passenger ships  Amending Directive 98/18/EC <a href="#">1996/0041(SYN)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  3.20.03 Maritime transport: passengers and freight 3.20.03.01 Maritime safety	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>RETT</b>	Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	RIPOLL Y MARTÍNEZ DE BEDOYA Carlos (PPE-DE)	18/04/2002
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>JURI</b>	Legal Affairs and Internal Market	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy		2438	2002-06-17
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2494	2003-03-17
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Energy and Transport			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/03/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0158 	Summary
08/04/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
08/10/2002	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
08/10/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A5-0348/2002</a>	

06/11/2002	Debate in Parliament		
07/11/2002	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0529/2002</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
04/12/2002	Modified legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2002)0720</a> 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
17/03/2003	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
14/04/2003	Final act signed		
14/04/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/05/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2002/0075(COD)
<b>Procedure type</b>	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Directive
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Amending Directive 98/18/EC <a href="#">1996/0041(SYN)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0348/2002</a>	08/10/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0529/2002</a> OJ C 016 22.01.2004, p. 0015-0084 E	07/11/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2002)0158</a> 	25/03/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Modified legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2002)0720</a> 	04/12/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1352/2002</a> OJ C 085 08.04.2003, p. 0020-0024	11/12/2002	

### Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

### Final act

[Directive 2003/0024](#)  
[OJ L 123 17.05.2003, p. 0018-0021](#)

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## Safety rules and standards for passenger ships

2002/0075(COD) - 14/04/2003 - Final act

**PURPOSE** : to strengthen the safety rules and standards for passenger ships. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Directive 2003/24/EC of the European Parliament of the Council amending Council Directive 98/18/EC on safety rules and standards for passenger ships. **CONTENT** : Council Directive 98/18/EC on safety rules and standards for passenger ships introduces a uniform level of safety of life and property on new and existing passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft, when both categories of ships and craft are engaged on domestic voyages, and lays down procedures for negotiation at international level with a view to a harmonisation of the rules for passenger ships engaged on international voyages. This amendment to the existing Directive provides for stability requirements and phasing out of ro-ro passenger ships, safety rules for passenger ships to include new safety requirements for high speed ships, for passengers with reduced mobility and for ro-ro ships operating on domestic voyages in Member States. The term "persons with reduced mobility" shall mean anyone which has a particular difficulty when using public transport, including elderly persons, disabled persons, persons with sensory impairments and wheelchair users, pregnant women and person accompanying small children. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 17 May 2003. **TRANSPOSITION** :17 November 2004.

## Safety rules and standards for passenger ships

2002/0075(COD) - 25/03/2002 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE** : to amend Directive 98/18/EC on safety regulations for ferries. **CONTENT** : in order to ensure harmonisation of safety regulations applying to passenger ferries operating within the EU, Council Directive 98/18/EC was adopted to apply rules equivalent to those applicable at international level in a harmonised manner also to the domestic trade. The rules translate the relevant international instruments into safety requirements for vessels operating on domestic services. These apply to all types of domestic passenger ferries, whilst taking into account their size, age and the characteristics of the sea area in which they are licensed to operate. The provisions in the directive need to be updated as follows: - insert provisions that take into account developments of international conventions and codes for maritime safety, notably the 2000 High Speed Craft Code, - simplify and improve the procedure for the definition and publication of sea areas, a procedure that is crucial for the implementation of this directive, since the safety requirements applying to a specific vessel depend on the sea area in which it operates. - introduce specific stability requirements for certain categories of ro-ro passenger ships operating on domestic services, equivalent to those in the proposed Directive for ro-ro ships on international voyages (see COD020074) and phase out ro-ro passenger ships which are not upgraded to comply with such stability requirements. - require that Member States endeavour to make all its passenger vessels, regardless of size, age and the sea area in which they operate safe and accessible for passengers with reduced mobility. This is in line with other proposals by the Commission to render other modes of transport accessible and safe for such passengers. - remove the derogation for Greece, thus simplifying the directive given the marginal impact of the derogation.

## Safety rules and standards for passenger ships

2002/0075(COD) - 04/12/2002 - Modified legislative proposal

Most of the amendments proposed by the European Parliament are clarifications and improvements to the current text of the Commission proposal. Others offered added value to the proposal, strengthening some of its aspects, while one amendment has been justified by the Parliament on grounds of subsidiarity. All these amendments have been incorporated into the present amended proposal. They mainly concern the following areas: - an addition in the recitals clarifying that the timetable for the introduction of specific stability requirements to existing ro-ro ships, provided in the new article 6a.2, should not affect the present enforcement of the specific stability requirements by the Member States parties to the Stockholm Agreement; - the addition of two new definitions in article 2 of the Directive. The first clarifies the term "ro-ro passenger ship" in line with the SOLAS definition as appearing in the Annex I of the Directive and the second the term "age" of a ship in line with existing Community legislation; - an adjustment to the definition of "persons with reduced mobility" in order to make it shorter and more specific to transport of passengers by sea; - clarifications to the new

article 6a concerning specific stability requirements for domestic ro-ro passenger ships, in order to provide direct reference to the relevant articles of the new Directive on specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships; - the deletion of the provision on the harmonisation of stability requirements for domestic ro-ro passenger ships operating close to the coast (classes C and D ships) built prior to 1/10/2004, which are presently covered by national requirements equivalent to SOLAS. The European Parliament stressed the fact that the present arrangements have the advantage of taking into account the local character in the operation of these ships. This position was accepted by the Commission in a spirit of political compromise; - an addition in the new article 6b, on accessibility and safety requirement on board passenger ships for persons with reduced mobility, in order to specify that these requirements apply to public transport means. Adjustments are also introduced in the same article as to the dates by which the member States will have to report to the Commission on the implementation of these measures; - improvements to the text of the new Annex III (guidelines) with a specific reference to the IMO recommendation for elderly and disabled persons and some additions to the text in favour of passengers with sensory disabilities; - a modification in the implementation date of the Directive which shall 18 months from the entry into force of the Directive.

## **Safety rules and standards for passenger ships**

2002/0075(COD) - 07/11/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Carlos RIPOLL I MARTINEZ BEDOY (EPP-ED, Spain) on safety rules for passenger ships. (Please refer to the document dated 08/10/02.)