Basic information

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Minimum level of training for seafarers: recognition of certificates issued by third countries Amending Directive 2001/25/EC 2000/0131(COD) **Subject** 3.20.03.01 Maritime safety 3.20.10 Transport undertakings, transport industry employees 3.20.15.06 Maritime or inland transport agreements and cooperation 4.15.06 Professional qualifications, recognition of qualifications 4.40.07 Recognition of diplomas, equivalence of studies and training 4.40.15 Vocational education and training	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	POIGNANT Bernard (PSE)	21/01/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs (Associated committee)	PÉREZ ÁLVAREZ Manuel (PPE-DE)	12/02/2003

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2538	2003-11-06
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European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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Key events

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16/01/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
27/03/2003	Debate in Council		
30/04/2003	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
30/04/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0152/2003	
02/09/2003	Debate in Parliament		
03/09/2003	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0364/2003	Summary
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0001(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2001/25/EC 2000/0131(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2 Rules of Procedure EP 57_o
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
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Minimum level of training for seafarers: recognition of certificates issued by third countries

2003/0001(COD) - 03/09/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Bernard POIGNANT (PES, F) making some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 30/04/03.) The date of transposition, however, is changed to 18 months after entry into force of the legislation. Other amendments include: - if no decision is taken on recognition of the third country concerned within the prescribed period, the Member State submitting the request may decide to recognise the third country unilaterally until a decision is taken; - where there are indications that a particular maritime training establishment no longer complies with the requirements of the STCW Convention, the Commission will notify the country concerned that recognition of that country's certificates will be withdrawn in two months time unless measures are taken to ensure compliance with all the requirements of the Convention.

Minimum level of training for seafarers: recognition of certificates issued by third countries

2003/0001(COD) - 13/01/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a Directive amending European Parliament and Council Directive 2001/25/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers. CONTENT : the Commission proposes the improvement of the current procedure for the recognition of mariners' certificates of competency issued outside the Union through a system of Community-wide recognition of certificates from labour-supplying third countries. In addition, the Commission proposes to bring the provisions of the existing Directive on seafarers' training concerning language requirements for certificates of competency and safety communications between the ship and the land-based authorities in line with the relevant international requirements. The main aim of the proposal is to amend an existing Directive, in order to strengthen and simplify certain aspects its provisions. Since the proposal is to revise an existing Directive, a Directive is the only possible form of Community measure. This proposal for a Directive puts forward an amendment to Directive 2001/25/EC in the following way, to: - improve, strengthen and simplify the current procedure for the recognition of certificates issued by third countries, by introducing a system of Community-wide recognition of third countries complying with the minimum requirements of the STCW Convention: The new procedure proposed by the Commission is based on the recognition of a third country, following the evaluation of maritime training and certification systems, rather than the recognition of an individual certificate, as is the case under the current procedure. According to the proposed procedure, the evaluation of the Member States' requests for recognition shall be carried out by the Commission, with the assistance of the European Maritime Safety Agency (the Agency). The decision on the recognition of a third country shall be taken by the Commission within three months from the date of the request for recognition. If granted, the recognition shall be valid for a period of five years. The Member State that submitted the request shall take appropriate measures to implement the decision. According to the Community approach, the decision, which will be taken at Community level, will then form the basis for the Member States' to recognise by endorsement certificates from this country without further evaluation. An annex details the criteria for the recognition of third countries that have issued a certificate or under the authority of which was issued a certificate. - introduce specific procedures for the extension and withdrawal of the Community-wide recognition of third countries, as well as the continuous monitoring of compliance of the third countries with the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention; - update the Directive as regards language

requirements for certification of seafarers and communication between the ship and the shore-based authorities, in line with the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention and the International Convention for the safety of life at sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS Convention); - provide for specific amendment procedures for adapting the Directive to future changes in Community law.