



Basic information	
<b>2004/0098(COD)</b> COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States  Amending Directive 2001/25/EC <a href="#">2000/0131(COD)</a> Repealed by <a href="#">2018/0162(COD)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  3.20.03 Maritime transport: passengers and freight 3.20.10 Transport undertakings, transport industry employees 4.15.06 Professional qualifications, recognition of qualifications 4.40.07 Recognition of diplomas, equivalence of studies and training	


Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>
	<div>TRAN</div> Transport and Tourism		EVANS Robert (PSE)
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Appointed</b>
	<div>EMPL</div> Employment and Social Affairs		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	2629	2004-12-09
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2671	2005-06-27
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Energy and Transport		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/04/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0311 	Summary
15/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
23/11/2004	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary

02/12/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A6-0057/2004</a>	
09/12/2004	Debate in Council		
22/02/2005	Debate in Parliament		
23/02/2005	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T6-0043/2005</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
23/02/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/06/2005	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
07/09/2005	Final act signed		
07/09/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/09/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/0098(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2001/25/EC <a href="#">2000/0131(COD)</a> Repealed by <a href="#">2018/0162(COD)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/22103

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0057/2004</a>	02/12/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0043/2005</a> OJ C 304 01.12.2005, p. 0139-0253 E	23/02/2005	<a href="#">Summary</a>
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference		Date	Summary
Draft final act	<a href="#">03613/3/2005</a>		07/09/2005	
European Commission				
Document type	Reference		Date	Summary
	<a href="#">COM(2004)0311</a>			

Legislative proposal		26/04/2004	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2005)1076</a>	31/03/2005		
Follow-up document	SWD(2018)0018	10/01/2018		
Follow-up document	SWD(2018)0019	10/01/2018		
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1633/2004</a> <a href="#">OJ C 157 28.06.2005, p. 0053-0056</a>	15/12/2004	

<a href="#">Additional information</a>		
<a href="#">Source</a>	<a href="#">Document</a>	<a href="#">Date</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

<a href="#">Final act</a>
<a href="#">Directive 2005/0045</a> <a href="#">OJ L 255 30.09.2005, p. 0160-0163</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Summary</a></span>

## Mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States

2004/0098(COD) - 23/02/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting this resolution by Robert EVANS (PES, UK) by 619 votes in favour, 20 against, with 3 abstentions, Parliament welcomes Commission proposals on the recognition of seafarers' certificates as an important step towards more safety at sea and less fraud involving these certificates.

A range of compromise amendments were adopted. (Please refer to the summary dated 23/11/2004).

## Mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States

2004/0098(COD) - 26/04/2004 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE** : to facilitate the recognition of certificates of seafarers issued by the Member States and ensure thorough compliance with the existing training, certification and watch keeping requirements within the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT** : Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**CONTENT** : there are two main reasons for submitting this proposal: first, the need to facilitate the recognition by all Member States of certificates of seafarers issued within the Union in accordance with the minimum requirements of Directive 2001/25/EC, as amended; and second, the need to ensure further thorough and continuous compliance with the existing requirements.

In addition, in its conclusions of 5 June 2003, the Council emphasised the need to foster the mobility of seafarers within the Union<sup>6</sup>, while both the European Parliament and the Council called for the need to confirm thorough respect by the Member States of the STCW requirements.

The Commission, therefore, puts forward specific provisions aimed at ensuring further full compliance with the existing training and certification requirements. The proposal provides for:

- the obligation for Member States to adopt measures to prevent and penalise fraudulent practices associated with certificates of seafarers, and
- the regular assessment of compliance of Member States with the requirements of

Directive 2001/25/EC, as amended.

## **Mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States**

2004/0098(COD) - 07/09/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE: The mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2005/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: This Directive obliges Member States to recognise the seafarers' certificates, which have been issued by another Member State in accordance with Directive 2001/25/EC. Specifically, each Member State should permit a seafarer having acquired his/her certificate of competency in another Member State, satisfying the requirement of Directive 2001/25, to take up or to pursue the maritime profession for which he/she is qualified, without any prerequisites other than those imposed on its own national. At the same time, the amending Directive is introducing a requirement that the STCW Convention on language will be introduced into Community law.

TRANSPOSITION: 20/10/2007

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20/10/2005.