

Maritime safety: registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships

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PREVIOUS COMMUNITY LEGISLATION: The numerous accidents involving roll-on/roll-off vessels in recent years have sharply accelerated the pace of legislative initiatives to improve safety, to which the Community institutions have always attached great importance in the framework of the common transport policy; important in this context is Regulation 3051/95/EEC of 8 December 1995 on the safety management of roll-on/roll-off ferries (OJ L 320, 30.12.95, p. 14). **PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP:** This institution has always regarded safety as a priority objective of all transport policy; its point of view is reflected in several resolutions on the subject, including that of 11 March 1994 on a common policy on safe seas (OJ C91, 28.3.1994, p.301), of 27 October on safety at sea (OJ C 323, 21.11.94, p. 176), adopted one month after the sinking of the Estonia, and of 1 February 1996 with the same title (OJ C47, 19.2.96, p. 27). **SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATES:** All the Member States have ratified the SOLAS Convention (International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea).