

# Passenger ships: safety rules and standards

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The amended Commission proposal on safety rules and standards for passenger ships includes in full or in substance a certain number of amendments adopted by the European Parliament. The main changes thus seek to: - restrict the scope of the directive to existing passenger ships of 24 metres in length and above; - change the name of the certificate from 'declaration of compliance' to 'passenger ship safety certificate'; - provide that existing Class B ships carrying more than 36 passengers should comply with the requirements set out in the directive not later than 1 October 2000 (instead of 1 October 1997); - guarantee a more active participation by the host Member State when existing passenger ships of Class C and D flying the flag of another Member State carry out domestic voyages in the host State; - provide that ships must conform not only to the requirements of the directive but also to any national safety requirements which are derived from specific local conditions and are subject to Commission approval.