


Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	2000/2028(INI)	Procedure completed
Fishing: safety and the causes of accidents		
Subject 3.15.03 Fishing fleets, safety of fishing vessels		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		23/03/2000
		PSE MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		19/04/2000
		ELDR SANDERS-TEN HOLTE Maria Johanna (Marieke)	

Key events			
15/03/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/03/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
06/03/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0087/2001	
05/04/2001	Debate in Parliament		
05/04/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0214/2001	Summary
05/04/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/01/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/2028(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 54

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/12431

Documentation gateway

Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0087/2001	06/03/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0214/2001 OJ C 021 24.01.2002, p. 0270-0359 E	05/04/2001	EP	Summary

Fishing: safety and the causes of accidents

The committee adopted the own-initiative report by Rosa MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS (PES, E) on "Fisheries: safety and causes of accidents". The report relayed the alarm call sounded by the International Labour Office, which put the annual worldwide number of deaths of sea-fishermen at 24,000 in 1997, with the number of non-fatal accidents at 24 million. The committee pointed out that safety and working conditions needed to be improved and called on those Member States which had not yet done so to ratify the relevant recommendations of the International Labour Organisation and the conventions of the International Maritime Organisation. It also called on the Commission to draw up proposals to fill the gap in Community law on health and safety in the fisheries industry, given that the two directives on minimum health and safety requirements and a harmonised safety regime for certain fishing vessels applied only to 8% and 3% respectively of vessels in the European fishing fleet. The report also insisted on the need for inspections to enforce on-board health and safety measures and said that, to improve the plight of fishermen, greater use could be made of existing EU legislation, such as the directive on the organisation of working hours and the framework directive on measures to improve the health and safety of workers. The committee also felt that a culture of safety needed to be fostered throughout the industry, as well as improved professional training. In this connection it criticised the emergence of hazards caused by the spread of flags of convenience. Basic safety training for all crewmembers on EU fishing vessels should be made mandatory and the overall standard of fisheries training qualifications should be enhanced. The Commission was urged to include the social aspects, in particular those relating to safety and working conditions, in its Green Paper on the reform of the common fisheries policy for 2002. The committee also called for a gradual ban on vessels older than 20 years and for the Commission to continue co-financing the replacement of such vessels. Other points raised by the report included the need for greater coordination between maritime communications centres and services and between European radio-medical centres in order to improve techniques for radio diagnosis and telemedicine as well as sea rescue. ?

Fishing: safety and the causes of accidents

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Rosa MIGUELEZ RAMOS (PES, E). (Please refer to the previous document).?