


Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) 2007/0219(COD) Directive	Procedure completed
Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast Repealing Directive 2001/25/EC 2000/0131(COD) Amended by 2011/0239(COD) Amended by 2018/0162(COD) Repealed by 2020/0329(COD)	
Subject 3.20.03 Maritime transport: passengers and freight 3.20.10 Transport undertakings, transport industry employees 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
	TRAN Transport and Tourism		05/12/2007
		PPE-DE KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU Rodi	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	2898	20/10/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Legal Service	BARROSO José Manuel	

Key events			
15/10/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0610	Summary
25/10/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
06/05/2008	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
13/05/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A6-0178/2008	
17/06/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/06/2008	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T6-0284/2008	Summary
20/10/2008	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
19/11/2008	Final act signed		
19/11/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/12/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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	Repealing Directive 2001/25/EC 2000/0131(COD) Amended by 2011/0239(COD) Amended by 2018/0162(COD) Repealed by 2020/0329(COD)
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/54997

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2007)0610	16/10/2007	EC	Summary
For information		COM(2007)0740	23/11/2007	EC	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0072/2008	16/01/2008	ESC	
Committee draft report		PE402.652	29/02/2008	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE402.837	09/04/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0178/2008	13/05/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0284/2008	17/06/2008	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2008)4439	16/07/2008	EC	
Draft final act		03649/2008/LEX	19/11/2008	CSL	

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Directive 2008/106 OJ L 323 03.12.2008, p. 0033 Summary

Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast

PURPOSE: to recast a Directive on the minimum level of training for seafarers.

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

CONTENT: The codification of Directive 2001/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 April 2001 on the minimum level of training of seafarers has been initiated by the Commission. The new Directive was to have superseded the various acts incorporated in it.

In the meantime, Council Decision 1999/468/EC (comitology) was amended by Decision 2006/512/EC, which introduced a regulatory

procedure with scrutiny. It is therefore appropriate to transform the codification of Directive 2001/25/EC into a recast in order to incorporate the amendments necessary for the adjustment to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny.

Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast

The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU (EPP-ED, EL) amending, under 1st reading of the codecision procedure, the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers (recast).

An amendment stipulates that Member States should take and enforce specific measures to prevent and penalise fraudulent practices associated with certificates of competency as well as pursue their efforts within the IMO to achieve strict and enforceable agreements on the worldwide combating of such practices. A further amendment clarifies that the European Maritime Safety Agency should assist the Commission in verifying that Member States comply with the requirements laid down in this Directive.

A number of 'technical' amendments are also proposed to take into account the points contained in the note of the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of Parliament, the Council and the Commission and in the letter/opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast

The European Parliament adopted by 625 votes to 50 with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution amending the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers (recast).

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU (EPP-ED, EL) on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism.

The amendments - adopted under 1st reading of the codecision procedure - were the result of a compromise between Parliament and Council. The Commission proposal was approved as adapted to the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

Parliament also stated that Member States should take and enforce specific measures to prevent and penalise fraudulent practices associated with certificates of competency as well as pursue their efforts within the IMO to achieve strict and enforceable agreements on the worldwide combating of such practices.

Lastly, the European Maritime Safety Agency should assist the Commission in verifying that Member States comply with the requirements laid down in this Directive.

Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast

PURPOSE: to recast the legislation on the minimum level of training for seafarers (adaptation to the new regulatory procedure with scrutiny).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training for seafarers (recast).

CONTENT: having reached agreement with the Parliament at first reading, the Directive recasts and adapts the legislation in force (Directive 2001/25/EC) to the new regulatory procedure with scrutiny (comitology), introduced by Decision 2006/512/EC and intended for use with measures of general scope designed to amend non-essential elements of a basic instrument adopted in accordance with the co-decision procedure. All the modifications are of a technical nature and aim to make Community law more readable.

The aim of the Directive is to define a minimum level of training for seafarers in the Community. That level should be based on the standards of training already agreed at international level, namely the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention), as revised in 1995. All Member States are Parties to that Convention.

The text stresses that Member States should take and enforce specific measures to prevent and penalise fraudulent practices associated with certificates of competency as well as pursue their efforts within the IMO to achieve strict and enforceable agreements on the worldwide combating of such practices. Moreover, the European Maritime Safety Agency should assist the Commission in verifying that Member States comply with the requirements laid down in this Directive.

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