

# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) <a href="#">2007/0219(COD)</a> Directive</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast</p> <p>Repealing Directive 2001/25/EC <a href="#">2000/0131(COD)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2011/0239(COD)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2018/0162(COD)</a> Repealed by <a href="#">2020/0329(COD)</a></p> <p>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</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>TRAN</b> Transport and Tourism		05/12/2007
		PPE-DE <a href="#">KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU</a> <a href="#">Rodi</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Environment</a>	<a href="#">2898</a>	20/10/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Legal Service</a>	BARROSO José Manuel	

Key events			
16/10/2007	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2007)0610</a>	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	<a href="#">A6-0178/2008</a>	
17/06/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/06/2008	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T6-0284/2008</a>	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

Procedure reference	2007/0219(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Recast
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Repealing Directive 2001/25/EC <a href="#">2000/0131(COD)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2011/0239(COD)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2018/0162(COD)</a> Repealed by <a href="#">2020/0329(COD)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/54997

### Documentation gateway

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

### Additional information

National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

### Final act

[Directive 2008/106](#)  
[OJ L 323 03.12.2008, p. 0033](#) Summary

## Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast

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**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.

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU (EPP-ED, EL) amending, under 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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**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.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 23/12/2008.