



Pilotage Exemption Certificates - Study

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Background

1995 the EU maritime pilotage study recommendation

"actions shall be taken at Community level in order to ensure that all qualified EU citizens will be able to apply for pilotage exemption certificate in any port according to harmonized criteria"

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Communication on European Port Policy (COM (2007) 616 final)

The Commission considers that granting exemptions from mandatory pilotage for frequent users would reduce the costs of maritime transport and make it more attractive, in particular short sea shipping. However safety should be ensured when exemptions are granted.

Background

The Commission Communication and action plan with a view to establishing a European maritime space without barriers (COM(2009) 11 final)

The Commission invites Member States to create a regulatory framework which would permit easier pilotage exemptions for operators carrying frequent shipping services. This framework should allow shipmasters who do not speak the country's native language to obtain pilotage exemptions.

Background

Council Conclusions on the European maritime transport space without barriers 30.3.2009

The Council AGREES that Member States should improve use of electronic manifests, and, where appropriate, the use of Pilot Exemption Certificates, and to further facilitate administrative communication by reducing language barriers.

Background

Adoption of the Directive on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States (2010/65/EU)

(1)

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed on a joint statement that there is a need to examine a clear framework for the granting of Pilotage Exemption Certificates in European seaports in-line with the objective of the Commission communication with a view to establishing a European maritime transport space without barriers and the Commission communication on a European Ports Policy.

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(2)

Further it was agreed that the Commission will shortly examine this issue in co-operation with the interested parties and with consideration of the importance of safety at sea and the protection of the marine environment. The Commission will communicate the results of its assessment to the other institutions and, if appropriate, propose further action.

The Study



Purpose of the study (1)

The primary purpose is to obtain a comprehensive picture of legislative framework and procedures on granting of the pilotage exemption certificates in Member States.



Purpose of the study (2)

Furthermore the purpose is to get actual and reliable information on the impacts of the exemptions to maritime safety and environment, turnaround times of ships and costs and benefits to the shipping industry.

Purpose of the study (3)

Finally, this study will provide information for the Commission's assessment of the need for a legal framework for granting of Pilotage Exemption Certificates in the EU.

Content of the study(1)

1. CURRENT STATUS:

- Legislative frameworks (pilotage, PECs etc)
- Economic frameworks (pilotage fees, PEC costs etc)
- Pilotage statistics (ships piloted/exempted, accident and incidents)
- Maritime language regime (pilotage, VTS, ports)
- Statistics and impacts of pilotage exemptions (safety, turnaround time of ships etc)

Content of the study (2)

2. FORESEEN FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Pilotage legislation in general
- Exemption rules
- Use of technical innovations to complement/replace pilotage

Method of the study

- The consultant will carry out a questionnaire with national administrations for pilotage legislation, fees and statistics
- User experiences will be collected with interviews of the relevant stakeholders
- The findings per Member State and a summary at the EU level will be presented in a report by the consultant

Schedule

March 2011	Stakeholder consultation meeting on the study
April 2011	Invitation to tender
November 2011	Intermediate report
March 2012	Final report

Thank you for your attention

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The deadline for the comments is 16 March, 2011

