

PRESENTATION

Workshop on Assessment of Maritime Training Systems



Agenda

- Legal Framework – EMSA role
- Experiences
 - Maritime Administration perspective
 - Maritime Education and Training perspective
- Selection criteria for re-assessments
- Methodology for assessments
- Round table

The role of EMSA : Legal Framework

- Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 of 27 June 2002
- Directive 2001/25/EC
- Directive 2003/103/EC

Regulation (EC) N° 1406/2002 of 27 June 2002

- EMSA tasked by Article 2 (b) (iii) of its governing Regulation with assisting the Commission in any task assigned to it by existing and future Community legislation in the "training, certification and watchkeeping of ships crews" in Member States.

Directive 2001/25/EC

Before recognising the certificates issued, the evaluation of 3rd countries training and certification was carried out by individual Member States

2003 Amendment

- On 13th January 2003, the Commission proposed an amendment to the seafarer training Directive

Directive 2003/103/EC

- Introduces a centralised and harmonised procedure for community-wide recognition of certificates issued by third countries which comply with the STCW Convention

Directive 2003/103/EC

- Amends the procedure
- Allows for the Commission assisted by EMSA, to undertake the assessment role on behalf of the all Community







Directive 2003/103/EC

- Member States submit requests to the Commission
- Commission, assisted by EMSA will carry an assessment of the 3rd country's systems

Directive 2003/103/EC

- Commission will decide upon recognition within 3 months of the Member State request
- Commission puts proposal to COSS
- Member States are not required to recognise automatically certificates from a third country which has successfully undergone the assessment process
- If the Commission recommends recognition of a third country system, Member States can recognise it for 5 years without further submission to the Commission

Directive 2003/103/EC

- Re-assessments
 - Third countries that have been recognised shall be reassessed by the Commission, with the assistance of the Agency, on a regular basis (at least every five years)