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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

Directorate D - Waterborne
D.2 - Maritime safety

Brussels,
MOVE/D2

NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE TRANSPORT ATTACHÉS

Subject: Consultation on common EU rules for small passenger ships

Dear Sir/Madam,

Shortly before this summer, we have launched an online consultation to collect views of stakeholders on the extent to which common EU rules could facilitate the internal market for passenger ships below 24 meters in length. The results of this consultation will inform the forthcoming proposal of the Commission for a Council Recommendation on safety goals and functional requirements for this type of ships.

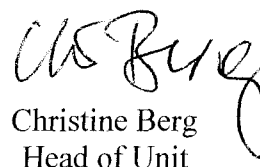
This consultation is targeted at economic operators involved in building of and trading in small passenger ships, such as **shipyards, designers, owners and operators** thereof (all other stakeholders can contribute to this consultation if they wish). It complements the technical work steered by the European Maritime Safety Agency and carried out together with national experts and stakeholders in the framework of the Passenger Ship Safety Expert Sub-group.

To reach out those operators that may not be necessarily represented by the associations at the EU level, I would appreciate your help in promoting this consultation among the targeted stakeholders. The consultation can be accessed at the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/targeted-consultation-safety-goals-and-functional-requirements-small-passenger-ships_en

The questionnaire is currently in English but will soon be available in all official languages of the EU (except Irish). The deadline for responding is the end of November 2017.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation. If you have any questions or require any further clarifications please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,


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