

Directive 2003/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 April 2003 on specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 2

Definitions

For the purpose of this Directive, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'ro-ro passenger ship' means a ship carrying more than 12 passengers, having ro-ro cargo spaces or special category spaces, as defined in Regulation II-2/3 of the SOLAS Convention, as amended;
- (b) 'new ship' means a ship the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 October 2004: a similar stage of construction means the stage at which:
 - (i) construction identifiable with a specific ship begins; and
 - (ii) assembly of that ship has commenced comprising at least 50 tonnes or 1 % of the estimated mass of structural material, whichever is less;
- (c) 'an existing ship' means a ship which is not a new ship;
- (d) 'a passenger' is every person other than the master and the members of the crew or other persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship on the business of that ship and other than a child under one year of age;
- (e) 'international Conventions' means the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (the SOLAS Convention), and the 1966 International Convention on Load Lines, together with Protocols and amendments thereto in force;
- (f) 'regular service' means a series of ro-ro passenger ship crossings serving traffic between the same two or more ports, which is operated either:
 - (i) according to a published timetable; or
 - (ii) with crossings so regular or frequent that they constitute a recognisable systematic series;
- (g) 'Stockholm Agreement' means the Agreement concluded at Stockholm on 28 February 1996 in pursuance of SOLAS 95 Conference Resolution 14 'Regional agreements on specific stability requirements for ro-ro passenger ships', adopted on 29 November 1995;
- (h) 'administration of flag State' means the competent authorities of the State whose flag the ro-ro passenger ship is entitled to fly;
- (i) 'host State' means a Member State to or from whose ports a ro-ro passenger ship is engaged on a regular service;
- (j) 'international voyage' means a sea voyage from a port of a Member State to a port outside that Member State, or vice versa;
- (k) 'specific stability requirements' means the stability requirements set out in Annex I;

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- (l) 'significant wave height' (h_s) is the average height of the highest third of wave heights observed over a given period;
- (m) 'residual freeboard' (f_r) is the minimum distance between the damaged ro-ro deck and the final waterline at the location of the damage, without taking into account the additional effect of the sea water accumulated on the damaged ro-ro deck.