

Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on marine equipment and repealing Council Directive 96/98/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER 4

**CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND NOTIFICATION  
OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**

*Article 22*

**Challenges to the competence of notified bodies**

1 The Commission shall investigate all cases where it doubts, based on the information available to it or brought to its attention, the competence of a notified body or the continued fulfilment by a notified body of the requirements and responsibilities to which it is subject.

2 The notifying Member State shall provide the Commission, on request, with all information relating to the basis for the notification or the maintenance of the competence of the body concerned.

3 The Commission shall ensure that all sensitive information obtained in the course of its investigations is treated confidentially.

4 Where the Commission ascertains that a notified body does not meet, or no longer meets, the requirements for its notification, it shall without delay inform the notifying Member State accordingly and request it to take the necessary corrective measures without delay, including de-notification if necessary.