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Recommendation for a Common Practice
for the
Performance of Day Trips from Ports of Call
in the Waters of the Member Countries
based on the
EU Directive 1998/18 of the Council
for Passenger Vessels

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The increasing public interest in the preservation of historically valuable ships in their traditional condition and their operation as common living maritime heritage (MoU clause 5) is clearly expressed by the attendance of an increasing number of visitors to maritime festivals and events.

Along with these festivals it is a broad public demand to find a possibility to experience historical ships in operation, even if this possibility is small and restricted.

The present MoU allows for calls at ports and for participation in festivals, parades and races, but it does not deal with operations based in a foreign port.

The above mentioned increase in public interest had been one of the important reasons to establish the MoU. In order to meet the demands of this public interest, the MoU shall in a first step be accommodated that way that under supervision and upon application the guest state issues permits for short trip day cruises in connection with maritime festivals*.

The application shall be based on a national certificate for traditional ships, confirming an equivalent safety status to passenger ships in existing legislation, and the common recognition of such legislation under the MoU. Technical requirements and operational restrictions for such a certification shall therefore be taken from the Directive 1998/18 of the European Parliament and the Council on passenger vessel in domestic waters as e.g. for vessels in category D.

(* Denmark reserved its position on the recommendation for day trips and explained, that for the time being Denmark would not allow for such.)

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