

Regulation I/3

Principles Governing Near-Coastal Voyages

1. Any Party defining near-coastal voyages for the purpose of the Convention shall not impose training, experience or certification requirements on the seafarers serving on board the ships entitled to fly the flag of another Party and engaged on such voyages in a manner resulting in more stringent requirements for such seafarers than for seafarers serving on board ships entitled to fly its own flag. In no case shall any such Party impose requirements in respect of seafarers serving on board ships entitled to fly the flag of another Party in excess of those of the Convention in respect of ships not engaged on near-coastal voyages.
2. With respect to ships entitled to fly the flag of a Party regularly engaged on near-coastal voyages off the coast of another Party, the Party whose flag the ship is entitled to fly shall prescribe training, experience and certification requirements for seafarers serving on such ships at least equal to those of the Party off whose coast the ship is engaged, provided that they do not exceed the requirements of the Convention in respect of ships not engaged on near-coastal voyages. A ship which extends its voyage beyond what is defined as a near-coastal voyage by a Party and enters waters not covered by that definition shall fulfil the requirements of the Convention without relaxation under this Regulation.
3. A Party may afford a ship which is entitled to fly its flag the benefits of the near-coastal voyages provisions of the Convention when it is regularly engaged off the coast of a non-Party on near-coastal voyages as defined by the Party.
4. Nothing in this Regulation shall in any way limit the jurisdiction of any State, whether or not a Party to the Convention.

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Control Procedures

1. Control exercised by a duly authorized control officer under Article X shall be limited to the following:
 - (a) verification in accordance with Article X(1) that all seafarers serving on board who are required to be certificated by the Convention hold a valid certificate or a valid dispensation;
 - (b) assessment of the ability of the seafarers of the ship to maintain watchkeeping standards as required by the Convention if there are grounds for believing that such standards are not being maintained because, while in the port of a Party or in the approaches to that Port, the following have occurred:
 - (i) the ship has been involved in a collision, grounding or stranding; or
 - (ii) there has been a discharge of substances from the ship when underway, at anchor or at berth which is illegal under international conventions; or