

Monitoring Directive

Official reference	Directive 2002/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a Community vessel traffic monitoring and information system and repealing Council Directive 93/75/EEC	
Relevant dates	Document	27/06/2002
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	Entry into force	5/08/2002
	Implementation by Belgium	17/09/2005
	Implementation by Flanders	16/06/2006
	Implementation deadline	5/02/2005
Policy level	European	
Type of instrument	Directive	
Geographical reach	EU Member States	
(Legal) coverage in the BNS	Internal waters, territorial sea, exclusive economic zone	
European contact point	Directorate-General Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE)	
Transposition on the federal level	Koninklijk besluit van 17 september 2005 tot omzetting van richtlijn 2002/59/EG van het Europees Parlement en de Raad van 27 juni 2002 betreffende de invoering van een communautair monitoring- en informatiesysteem voor de zeescheepvaart en tot intrekking van richtlijn 93/75/EEG van de Raad	
Transposition on the Flemish level	Decreet van 16 juni 2006 betreffende de begeleiding van de scheepvaart op de maritieme toegangswegen en de organisatie van het Maritiem Reddings- en Coördinatiecentrum	

// abstract:

The objective of this directive is to install a vessel traffic monitoring and informations exchange system to increase the safety and efficiency of maritime traffic in the EU. The measures aim to improve the authorities' response to incidents, accidents and potentially dangerous situations at sea (including search and rescue operations), and to contribute to the prevention and the detection of pollution caused by ships.

This directive includes regulations regarding (1) the reporting and monitoring of ships; (2) the registrations of hazardous or harmful substances on board ships and (3) the monitoring of risk ships and intervention in case of incidents and accidents at sea.