

Registration law

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// abstract:

This law discusses the registration of seagoing vessels and the conditions under which seagoing vessels are allowed to fly the Belgian flag. The law specifies which seagoing vessels have to or can register, as well as the conditions the owner or operator need to fulfil. The law stipulates the registration rules. A list is provided of the conditions for the cancellation of the registration (in case the ship has sunk or is demolished, taken over by pirates, etc.). Moreover, the regulation regarding the registration in a foreign bareboat register is described, as well as the registration of a foreign ship in the Belgian bareboat register. A registered ship always has to fly the Belgian flag, and has to prove this by presenting a Belgian certificate of registry. The name and the home port of the ship are also registered, and have to be clearly visible on the ship. The law stipulates the sanctions in case of infringements and refers to the conditions of certificates of pleasure yachts.