COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 755/2008
of 31 July 2008

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications (1), and in particular Article 11(c)(ii),

Whereas:


(2) The Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Romania and the Netherlands have submitted reasoned requests for removing their seafaring professions falling under the scope of Directive 2001/25/EC from point 3(a) of Annex II to Directive 2005/36/EC.

(3) The Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy and Romania have asked for the deletion of all the professions and associated description of training listed for their countries under point 3(a) of Annex II to Directive 2005/36/EC. The Netherlands have asked for the deletion of two professions: first mate (coastal vessel) (with supplementary training) (stuurman kleine handelsvaart (met aanvulling)) and 'coaster engineer (with diploma) (diploma motordrijver)' as well as the associated description of training from point 3(a) of Annex II to Directive 2005/36/EC.

(4) The United Kingdom has submitted a reasoned request for removing its seafaring professions, falling within the scope of Directive 2001/25/EC, from point 5 of Annex II to Directive 2005/36/EC.


(6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the recognition of professional qualifications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2
This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.


This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.


For the Commission
Charlie McCREEVY
Member of the Commission
ANNEX

Annex II to Directive 2005/36/EC is amended as follows:

1. Point 3(a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) Sea transport

Training for the following:

in Latvia:
— electrical engineer officer on ships (ķuģu elektromehānikis),
— operator of refrigeration machinery (ķuģa saldēšanas iekārtu mašīnists);

in the Netherlands:
— VTS-official (VTS-functionaris);

which represent training:

— in Latvia:
   (i) for electrical engineer officer on ships (ķuģu elektromehānikis),
   1. a person of not less than 18 years of age;
   2. represents an education of a total duration of at least 12.5 years, comprising at least nine years of elementary education and at least three years of vocational education. In addition, seagoing service of not less than six months as a ship’s electrician or as assistant to the electrical engineer on ships with generator power more than 750 kW is required. Vocational training is completed by a special examination by the competent authority in accordance with the training programme as approved by the Ministry of Transport;

   (ii) for operator of refrigeration machinery (ķuģa saldēšanas iekārtu mašīnists),
   1. a person of not less than 18 years of age;
   2. represents an education of a total duration of at least 13 years, comprising at least nine years of elementary education and at least three years of vocational education. In addition, seagoing service of not less than 12 months as assistant to the refrigeration engineer is required. Vocational training is completed by a special examination by the competent authority in accordance with the training programme as approved by the Ministry of Transport;

— in the Netherlands:

An education of a total duration of at least 15 years, comprising at least three years of higher vocational education (HBO) or intermediate vocational training (MBO), which are followed by national and regional specialisation courses, comprising at least 12 weeks of theoretical training each and each culminating in an examination.’

2. Point 5 is amended as follows:

The 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th indents are deleted.