Technical vessel certificate

Transmitted by the Government of Belgium

Introduction

1. In the Regulations annexed to ADN, the text of 1.16.5 reads as follows:

"1.16.5 The owner of a vessel, or his representative, who requests a certificate of approval, shall deposit an application with the competent authority referred to in 1.16.2.1. The competent authority shall specify the documents to be submitted to it. In order to obtain a certificate of approval a valid vessel certificate shall accompany the request."

2. Belgium thinks that the term "vessel certificate" is not a good term to use in order to obtain a valid (provisional) certificate of approval. A vessel certificate can be any certificate (e.g. a classification certificate, a measurement certificate,...) and should be clarified. Belgium believes that "technical vessel" certificate is the correct term and that the certificate must be delivered by a competent authority.

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Proposal

3. It is proposed to modify 1.16.5 as follows:

"1.16.5 The owner of a vessel, or his representative, who requests a certificate of approval, shall deposit an application with the competent authority referred in 1.16.2.1. The competent authority shall specify the documents to be submitted to it. In order to obtain a certificate of approval a valid vessel certificate technical vessel certificate issued by a competent authority is required."

Advantages

4. The proposal above clearly identifies and defines the certificate needed to obtain a valid certificate of approval.