

**Convention No. 53: Officers' Competency Certificates, 1936**  
**Direct request 2001/72**

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**Italy** (ratification: 1952)

The Committee notes the information provided by the Government in its report, in particular the changes that have occurred following the entry into force of the Decree of 22 December 2000 concerning the qualifications required for various categories of crew members. It asks the Government to provide additional information on the following points.

*Article 4 of the Convention.* The Committee notes that, according to the Government's report, the examinations for establishing the aptitude of candidates for certificates of competency are both theoretical and practical. The Government is asked to send a summary of the syllabus for the examinations for each category of certificates, as well as the methods of organization and supervision adopted for these examinations.

*Article 5, paragraph 3.* Referring to the Government's report, the Committee points out that it is possible for harbour masters' authorities to detain vessels on Italian territory for breaches of the Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW). The Committee asks the Government to indicate whether, as required by the Officers' Competency Certificates Convention, Italian regulations state that where these authorities find a breach of its provisions on a vessel registered in the territory of another Member which has also ratified the Convention, they must communicate with the consul of the other Member.