

# Pilotage decree

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## // abstract:

In the context of port state control, this decree determines which information the pilot should communicate to the competent federal authority in case of unsafe ships or possible damage to the marine environment. Moreover, the decree stipulates the organisation and the scope of the pilotage service, including normal pilotage and remote pilotage services. The areas and categories of vessels requiring an on-board pilot are defined, as well as the conditions for exemptions. The performance of the pilotage tasks is specified in a more detailed way: the decree stipulates for instance that the pilot acts as an advisor to the shipmaster. The decree also stipulates the calculation and collection of pilotage rates and other fees (e.g. the traffic service fees). Furthermore, the regulation on the certificates of port pilot, boatswain and deep sea pilot is discussed. Finally, the penalties in case of infringements of the decree are discussed.