

# ECASBA MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY



## ENQUIRY RESPONSE FORM

<b>ORIGINATING ASSOCIATION:</b>	<b>AMCF - France</b>
<b>ENQUIRY DETAILS:</b>	<p><i>In some French ports it is necessary for all on and off-signing EU states' crew members to appear in person before the immigration control authorities.</i></p> <p><i>We would ask ECASBA members if the same procedure has to be followed in their country or if it is only necessary to produce their documents for inspection?</i></p> <p><i>Also is there any variation in the procedure if the crew member is from another country in the Schengen area?</i></p>
<b>REPLY TO:</b>	<a href="mailto:admin@fonasba.com">admin@fonasba.com</a>
<b>COPY REPLY TO:</b>	
<b>CLOSING DATE FOR REPLIES:</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>RESPONDING ASSOCIATION:</b>	

### RESPONDING ASSOCIATION COMMENTS: (Please include any attachments)

Croatia	<p>For EU states crew - only documents should be presented</p> <p>For Non-EU crew under visa regime - visual inspection and physical control is required.</p>
Cyprus	<p>No matter the country of origin for all on and off-signing EU states', crew members should appear in person before the immigration control authorities.</p> <p>In the case of crew members whose country of origin is a member of EU, their passports do not need to be sealed by the Cyprus competent authorities.</p>

Denmark	<p>The regulation of crew changes are according to specific and equal Danish national notification and documentation procedures to cover all nationalities.</p> <p>According to instructions from the National Police and Immigration Authorities, all EU Citizens are obliged to appear before the Police in connection with both on- and off-signing. As per the authorities, it is because of the latest changes to the Schengen Codex in 2017.</p> <p>Danish Shipbrokers' Association, however, is of the impression that this is not equally interpreted in all EU member states, and we look forward to see the overall result of this survey to pursue with our own authorities based on the findings.</p> <p>The inspection in person in connection with notified crew changes takes place at the regional police head quarter manned 24/7/365 closest to the port where the crew changes take place. The authorities conduct most inspections in connection with Ferry routes and the Cruise Ships, by the ferry and the cruise ship.</p> <p>The operational reality, however, sometimes cause regional acceptance of notified crew changes with EU citizens without checking in person, primarily argued to be due to periodic lack of manning in the police stations and the fact that all crew changes are already notified and all names have been checked in the police intelligence system prior to be accepted.</p>
Hungary	<p>In case of border crossing, crew members have to appear in person.</p> <p>No.</p>
Italy	<p>In Italy it is necessary that the crew members, accompanied by the shipping agent, appear in person to the immigration control Authorities, with a valid identity card.</p> <p>There is no change if the crew members come from another Country in the Schengen area, they must have a valid passport with them.</p>
Malta	<p>In Malta, it is necessary for all on and off-signing EU national crew members to appear in person before the immigration control authorities.</p> <p>There is no variation if the crew member is from another country in the Schengen area.</p>

Netherlands	In all Dutch ports on/off signers have to physically report to the authorities themselves. Officially also in case of Dutch passports, but sometimes they make an exception. Occasionally stamp is given on board of the vessel.
Portugal	N/A.
Slovenia	Koper, Slovenia – only NON EU on/off signers have to appear in person before the immigration control authorities.  EU on/off signers are only required to produce their documents for inspection. However, immigration control authorities could also request EU on/off signers to appear in person, but in practice this is very rare.
Spain	There are two different scenarios in Spain, if Port is considered Schengen Border or not. For the latter, crew member must be accompanied to Police Station to finish visa process.  For remaining Ports, usually it's sufficient with crew lists/passports although immigration officer (national police) comes onboard upon arrival and could request to perform a deeper control by meeting crewmember/s in person.  Same apply to passenger list other than crew.
Sweden	For Schengen crew you don't have to do anything at all, at least not yet. I know there is a discussion about to change that, but no decision yet taken.  If the person is from outside Schengen they have to appear in person.
UK	In the UK there is no need for off-signers to meet with Border Force at all.  EU/EEA crew can come and go without informing Border Force.  All incoming EU crew on international flights have their passports checked and may be questioned about their intentions - just as anyone else would be.  We are not part of the Schengen Agreement so that is N/A for UK.  For non EEA off-signers the agent has to obtain repatriation approval from Border Force by email submission of a simple form.