NOTE
From: Danish delegation
To: Visa Working Party
Subject: Exemption from the visa requirement for certain civilian sea crew members

The Danish delegation wishes to inform delegations that, as of 1 May 2014, Denmark has decided to exempt certain civilian sea crew members from the visa requirement in accordance with Article 4(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001.

The exemption, which supplements the existing exemption concerning shore leave, applies to the following groups:

– Civilian sea crew members in the performance of their duties departing the Schengen area via Denmark, provided that they hold a sea-farer’s identity document issued in accordance with the International Labour Organisation Conventions (No 108 of 1958 or No 185 of 2003) and a valid passport, that they are not subject to prior consultation as per Article 22 of the Visa Code¹, and that the transit lasts no more than five days and has been pre-approved by the Danish police;

¹ Third countries whose nationals or specific categories of such third-country nationals are subject to prior consultation - see Annex 16 to the Visa Code Handbook.
– Civilian sea crew members disembarking cruise ships called at the Port of Copenhagen and departing the Schengen area via Copenhagen Airport, provided that they are not subject to prior consultation as per Article 22 of the Visa Code, and that the transit lasts no more than one day and has been pre-approved by the Danish police.