



DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD amending the Decision of 20 November 2009 laying down rules on the Secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of 27 June 2002 establishing EMSA, as amended,

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials (hereinafter 'Staff Regulations') and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (hereinafter 'CEOS') laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68, as amended,

Having regard to the Commission Decision C (2008) 6866 of 12 November 2008, laying down rules on the secondment to the Commission of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training;

Having regard to the Decision of 20 November 2009 laying down rules on the Secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training,

Whereas:

- (1) A specific legal and administrative framework is in place under the Decision for the induction and professional training of National Experts in Professional Training (NEPTs) in view of the importance of training of officials of the Member States – and where appropriate, of EFTA countries, candidate countries and IGOs - in European Union Maritime Legislation related issues and EMSA working methods.
- (2) In view of the experience gained since the introduction of the Decision.
- (3) Giving the possibility for the secondment NEPTs to be extended beyond the current maximum of five months would be mutually beneficial for the NEPTs and for EMSA.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 24 of the Administrative Board Decision of 20 November 2009 laying down rules on the Secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training, shall be replaced by the following:

*'Article 24
Purpose of the professional training*

1. The purpose of the professional training is:
 - to give NEPTs experience of EMSA's working methods with regard to EMSA mandate.
 - to enable them to gain practical experience and understanding of the day-to-day work of EMSA and to give them the opportunity to work in a multicultural environment.
 - to enable staff from the National Administrations to put into practise the knowledge they have acquired in their studies, particularly in their respective areas of responsibility.
2. For its part, EMSA:

- benefits from the input of people who can offer a new point of view and up to date knowledge which will enrich the daily work of the Agency.
- builds up a network of people with direct experience of its procedures. ‘

Article 2

Article 27 of the Administrative Board Decision of 20 November 2009 laying down rules on the Secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training, shall be replaced by the following:

‘Article 27

Duration of the professional training

1. The professional traineeships shall last between three and five months which should be fixed at the outset. In the interest of the service, the professional traineeship can be extended once for a further period of up to five months, subject to a positive assessment of the NEPT’s performance and the agreement of the employer of the latter. NEPTs will be informed at least one month in advance of such a possibility. The maximum professional traineeship duration (including the extension) is ten months and no further extension or second traineeship will be possible.
2. The professional traineeships are organised twice a year, usually starting on the 1st or 16th of the months of March and October.’

Article 3

Article 29 of the Administrative Board Decision of 20 November 2009 laying down rules on the Secondment to EMSA of National Experts and National Experts in Professional Training, shall be replaced by the following:

‘Article 29

Suspension of the Professional Traineeship

At the written request of the NEPT or his employer, and with the latter’s prior agreement, the Executive Director may authorise a very brief suspension of the professional traineeship or its early termination. The NEPT may return to complete the remaining period of the professional traineeship, with the possibility of extension, if still applicable, in line with Article 27. ‘

Article 4

All other articles remain unchanged.

Article 5

This Decision shall take effect on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Lisbon, on 23 June 2021,



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Chairman of the Administrative Board