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Good News for Danish ships: No More Bureaucracy at German Ports

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German authorities have now dropped the requirement for Danish ships without SOLAS certificates to undergo inspections when entering German ports or operating out of Germany, according to Danish Shipping.

This has been warmly welcomed by the industry, as it eliminates redundant and time-consuming bureaucracy, given that Danish ships are already inspected in Denmark.

This is excellent news for Danish shipping companies operating in German ports or from Germany, as the German authorities have decided to lift the requirement for Danish ships without SOLAS certification to undergo inspections and obtain a special certificate.

Danish Shipping has long opposed this requirement, arguing that it was unfair for Danish ships to be inspected first by their own authorities and then again by the German authorities.

Beyond the direct financial costs of these inspections, the requirement also meant ships were out of operation during the inspection period, impacting their ability to work and meet contractual obligations.

“It was an unreasonable requirement that didn’t actually enhance safety, as Danish ships were already in excellent and safe condition. At the same time, it imposed significant costs and challenges

on our members. It's always a good day when common sense prevails," said Nina Porst, director of climate, environment, and safety at Danish Shipping.

Danish Shipping has, among other efforts, been in continuous dialogue with the EU Commission regarding the legality of this requirement.