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A Directive of the European Union (Directive 2002/59/EG) defines the term as follows: “a port, the part of a port or another protective berth or anchorage or any other sheltered area identified by a Member State for accommodating ships in distress.” The German concept of places of refuge does – like the one of most of the EU Member States – not require an explicit designation of places of refuge. In fact, any sheltered area is basically considered as suitable as a place of refuge. The assignment is carried out by the CCME as a case-by-case decision that considers both the special hazard potential of the damaged vessel and the suitable place of refuge for the particular case. In the framework of this decision, all local authorities in charge are involved.

Overview of international directives:

- IMO MSC 74/2/3 Add.01
- IMO Resolution A.949(23)
- IMO Resolution A.950 (23)
- Directive 2009/17/EC Art.20a
- Directive 2002/59/EC Art.20

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