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*The Manila 2010 Amendments to the Seafarers' Training, Certification
and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code*

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers, Local Representatives

References:

- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Manning Training and Certification for Seafarers') Regulations 2006, as amended.
- IMO: STCW Convention & Code including 2010 Manila Amendments , 2011 Edition
- STCW.7/Circ.16 Clarification of transitional provisions relating to the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code
- ITF Publication: STCW: A guide for seafarers', taking into account the 2010 Manila Amendments
- STCW Recognised Countries: <http://www.gibraltarship.com/download-file/538>
- Shipping Guidance Notice 067
- http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/pressbriefings/pages/67-stcw-eif.aspx#.V_-OQLXRYdV

Background

Major revisions to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (the STCW Convention), and its associated Code entered into force on 1 January 2012, with a five-year transitional period. This transitional period ends 1st January 2017.

This SGN provides ship owners and operators with a summary of the requirements to comply with the Manila Amendments as from the 1st January 2017.

Application

Shipowners need to be aware of the following requirements for ships to which the Convention applies:

- Revised requirements on hours of work and rest and new requirements for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as updated standards relating to medical fitness standards for seafarers. [STCW Regulation A-VIII/1]
- New certification requirements for able seafarers. [STCW Regulation II/5 & Regulation III/5]

- New requirements relating to training in modern technology such as electronic charts and information systems. (ECDIS) [STCW Table A-II/1]
- New training and certification requirements for electro-technical officers and ratings. [STCW Regulation III/6 & Regulation III/7]
- Updating of competence requirements for personnel serving on board all types of tankers, including new requirements for personnel serving on liquefied gas tankers. [STCW Tables A-V1-1 & A-V/1-2]
- New requirements for security training, as well as provisions to ensure that seafarers are properly trained to cope if their ship comes under attack by pirates. [STCW Regulation VI/6]
- New training guidance for personnel operating Dynamic Positioning Systems. [STCW B-V/f]
- New training guidance for personnel serving on board ships operating in polar waters. [STCW B-V/g]

Transitional provisions

Regulation I/15 Transitional provisions of the amended STCW Convention states that:

“.1. Until 1 January 2017, a Party (a State for which the Convention has entered into force) [STCW 78 / Article II] may continue to issue, recognize and endorse certificates in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 January 2012 in respect of those seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service, an approved education and training programme or an approved training course before 1 July 2013.

.2. Until 1 January 2017, a Party may continue to renew and revalidate certificates and endorsements in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 January 2012.”

[STCW.7/Circ.16 Clarification of transitional provisions relating to the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code]

The changes to each chapter of the Convention and Code can be found in greater detail in the GMA Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention Guidance brochure.

Further information

Further information & guidance may be obtained from the following websites.

www.imo.org
www.dft.gov.uk/mca/
www.nautinst.org

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