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Notice to Principals of Approved Maritime Training Colleges, Ship Owners, Managers, Operators, Recruiting Agencies, Port State Control Officers & Recognize Organizations.

DGMS Guidelines on STCW Certification and Conversion of 1995 Certification to 2010.

Introduction:

- As the shipping Industry and the seafarers are well aware, the International Convention on Training Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers 1978 as amended in 1995 has further been amended by the Manila amendments in 2010 (herein after referred to as STCW 2010), and has entered into force on 1st January 2012 and will be fully implemented by 31st December 2016. Part A of the code contains mandatory standards and Part B contains recommended guidelines.
- This Convention requires establishment of training and certification procedures in conformity with the requirements of the revised Convention with effect from 1st July 2013 for new entrants. However, the transitional provisions permit existing certificates to remain valid until 31st December 2016 after which such certificates will not be valid for sea service and all parties to promote relevant seafarers to obtain necessary documentation at their earliest to avoid undue delays.
- As per the requirements of STCW 2010, Regulation I/11, Paragraph 4 and 5, each Party to STCW Convention is required to compare the standards of competence which are required by candidates for certificates under STCW 1995 with those specified for the appropriate certificates in Part A of the STCW Code, as amended in 2010 and shall determine the need for holders of such certificates to undergo appropriate refresher and updating training or assessment.
- In accordance with the above provisions, the Director General of Merchant Shipping (DGMS) has formulated the structure of refresher and updating training programmes (Updating programmes) for the various grades of Certificates of Competency and certificates of proficiency.

- DGMS office shall continue to issue and revalidate CoC, CoP and Endorsements as per STCW 95 till 31st December 2016 for training programmes conducted as per STCW 95 with following remarks.
- i. **CoCs issued as per Chapter II – Seafarers** who have not completed approved ECDIS training programme shall be endorsed as “not valid for service on ships fitted with ECDIS” on COCs issued after 1st January 2017. COCs issued before 1st of January 2017 shall be endorsed as “from 1st January 2017 this certificate is not valid for service on ships fitted with ECDIS”.
- ii. **CoCs issued as per Chapter III –Seafarers** who have not completed approved High Voltage Simulator training shall be endorsed as “not valid for service on ships fitted with power systems in excess 1,000 volts on COCs issued after 1st January 2017. COCs issued before 1st of January 2017 shall be endorsed as “from 1st January 2017 this certificate is not valid for service on ships fitted with power systems in excess 1,000 volts”).

All seafarers shall fulfill following certification requirement with effect from 01st-Oct-2014.

1) All Seafarers who apply for CDC shall hold

- a- **Certificates of Proficiency in Basic Training** (STCW Reg. VI / 1)
 - Administration will issue this certificate to applicants who possess 04 basic courses namely; Personal Survival Techniques, Fire Prevention & Fire Fighting, Elementary First Aid and Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities as per STCW Sec A-VI / 1 Para 2.
- b-. **Certificates of Proficiency in Security Awareness** (STCW Reg. VI / 6 Para 1)
- c- **Certificates of Proficiency in Maritime English at Support Level**

Existing Ratings shall undergo proficiency in Maritime English prior revalidating their CDC

2) All seafarers who are to be designated security related duties shall hold,

Certificate of Proficiency in Seafarers with Designated Security Duties. (STCW Reg. VI / 6 Para 4)

3) All Officers shall hold

- a- **Certificate of Proficiency in Basic Training** (STCW Reg. VI / 1)
- b-. **Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Crafts and fast rescue boats other than fast rescue boats** (Reg.VI/2 Para 1, Sec.A-VI/2 Para 1-4, Table A-VI/2-1)
- c- **Certificate of Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats** (Reg.VI/2 Para 2, Sec. A-VI/2 Para 7-10, Table A-VI/2-2)
(If required by the type of ship)
- d- **Certificate of Proficiency in Advance Fire Fighting** (Reg.VI/3, Sec. A-VI/3, Table A-VI/3)
- e- **Certificate of Proficiency in Medical First Aid** (Reg.VI/4 Para 1 & 3, Sec.A-VI/4 Para 1-3, Table A-VI/4-1)

f- **Certificate of** Proficiency as Ship Security Officer (Reg.VI/5, Sec. A-VI/5, Table A-VI/5)

g- **Certificate of** Proficiency in Maritime English (Operational Level)

All Officers shall undergo proficiency in Maritime English when they upgrade their certificate of Competency.

4) **All Deck Officers shall hold**

GMDSS Certificate and Endorsement (Reg.IV/2, Sec.A-IV/2, Table A-IV/2)

5) **All Deck Officers at Management Level shall hold**

Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Care (Reg.VI/4 Para 2 & 3, Sec.A-VI/4 Para 4-5, Table A-VI/4-2)

6) **All Officers at Management Level shall hold**

Certificate of Proficiency in Maritime English (Management level)

Existing Master & Ch.Engineer CoC holders are exempted from the above requirement

TANKER SAFETY -----

7) All seafarers who are to be assigned with specific duties & responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on oil or chemical tankers shall hold
Certificate in Basic Training for Oil and Chemical tanker Cargo Operations. (Reg. V/1-1 Para 1 , Sec. A-V/1-1 Para 1,Table A-V/1-1-1)

8) All seafarers who are to be assigned with specific duties & responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on gas tankers shall hold
Certificate in Basic Training for gas tanker Cargo Operations. (Reg. V/1-2 Para 1& 2 , Sec. A-V/1-2 Para 1,Table A-V/1-2-1)

9) Masters, Chief Engineer Officers, Chief Mates ,Second Engineer Officers & Any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or any other cargo related operation on oil tankers shall hold.
Certificate in Advance Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operation (Reg. V/1-1 Para 3 & 4, Sec. A-V/1-1 Para 2, Table A-V/1-1-2) and **subsequently relevant endorsement from DGMS office.**

10) Masters, Chief Engineer Officers, Chief Mates ,Second Engineer Officers & Any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or any other cargo related operation on Chemical tankers shall hold
Certificate of Proficiency in Advance Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operation (Reg. V/1-1 Para 5 & 6, Sec.A-V/1-1 Para 3, Table A-V/1-1-3) and **subsequently relevant endorsement from DGMS office.**

- 11) Masters, Chief Engineer Officers, Chief Mates, Second Engineer Officers & Any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or any other cargo related operation on Gas tankers shall hold
Certificate in Advance Training for Gas Tanker Cargo Operation (Reg. V/1-2 Para 3 & 4, Sec.A-V/1-2 Para 2, Table A-V/1-2-2) and **subsequently relevant endorsement from DGMS office.**

To be eligible for a certificate in Advance Tanker Training following requirements to be fulfilled,

Basic Training as per V/1-1, 03 months of sea service in tanker(appropriate tanker type which require a certification) or 01 month Supernumerary capacity;03 loadings & 03 unloading and is documented in an approved training record book/ Guidance B-V/1

PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY

- 12) Seafarers assigned specific duties on muster list to assist passengers in emergency situations shall hold
Certificate of Proficiency in Crowd Management (Reg.V/2 Sec.A-V/2 Para 1).
- 13) Seafarers assigned specific duties to provide direct service to passengers in passenger space shall hold
Certificate of Proficiency in Basic Training for Passenger Ships (Reg.V/2 Sec.A-V/2 Para 2)
- 14) Seafarers assigned specific duties on muster list to as having responsibility for the safety of passengers in emergency situations shall hold
Certificate of Proficiency in Crisis Management & Human Behaviors (Reg.V/2 Sec.A-V/2 Para 3)
- 15) Every Person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking, disembarking, passengers, loading, discharging or securing cargo, or closing hull openings shall hold
Certificate of Proficiency in Passenger Safety, Cargo Safety & Hull Integrity (Reg.V/2 Sec.A-V/2 Para 4).
- 16) **Revalidation of Above Certificate of Proficiencies is to be done as follows,**

All seafarers have to undergo Approved Refresher & Updating Courses to transfer STCW 95 certification to STCW 2010 for following certificates and continue to revalidate at intervals of every 05 year to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence.

- a. Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques
- b. Proficiency in Fire prevention and Fire fighting
- c. Proficiency in Elementary First Aid
- d. Proficiency in Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities
- e. Proficiency in Survival Crafts and fast rescue boats other than fast rescue boats
- f. Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (As required)
- g. Proficiency in Advance Fire Fighting
- h. Proficiency in Medical First Aid

j. Proficiency in Medical Care

Administration will issue Proficiency in Basic Training Certificate upon producing of certificates a, b, c, & d to DGMS Office. (Necessary fees as per fees structure shall be paid)

16.1 Ratings shall refresh, once every 05 years;

Certificate No. a, b, c, & d .

16.2 Officers of operational level shall refresh, once every five years;

Certificate No. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, & h

16.3 Officers of Management level shall refresh, once every five years;

Certificate No. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, & j

17) Following 03 certificates shall not require to be revalidated and shall only be require following once in their career.

Security Awareness

Certificate of Proficiency in Seafarers with Designated Security Duties

Ship Security Officer.

Note:Enforcement Date of this Notice: 15th November 2014