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Subject: New Requirements for Security-related training and Certification for shipboard personnel

Introduction

1. In the pursuant of the STCW Convention and Code as amended by the Manila Amendment (2010) which came into force on 1 January 2012. It has been stated that training and certification for shipboard personnel at the different levels and all seafarers are required to comply with these provisions of STCW regulations VI/5 and VI/6 and section A-VI/5 and A-VI/6 by latest 1 January 2014.

New Requirements for Training and Certification

2. Security-related training and certification will be classified as stated below:

- (a) Security related familiarization
- (b) Proficiency in security awareness
- (c) Proficiency in designated security duties; and
- (d) Certificate of Proficiency for Ship Security Officers

3. **Security related familiarization:** Seafarers shall receive security-related familiarization in accordance with section A-VI/6, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code and shall meet the appropriate standard of competence specified therein.

4. **Proficiency in security awareness:** Security awareness training must be undertaken by all seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on ships which are required to comply with the ISPS Code. This training/ instruction must meet the requirements of Section A-VI/6 paragraph 4 of the amended STCW Code. On completion of this training a seafarer will lead to the issue of a STCW Certificate of Proficiency.

5. **Proficiency in designated security duties:** Seafarers with designated security duties shall meet the standard of competence specified in section A-VI/6, paragraph 6 to 8 of the STCW Code. Training in designated security duties must be undertaken by seafarers, engaged on ships which are required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code, who have designated duties under the ships security plan. This training must meet the requirements of Section A-VI paragraph 6-8 of the amended STCW Code, and shall include Piracy and Armed Robbery related training during the programme. On completion of this training a seafarer will leads to the issue of an STCW Certificate of Proficiency.

6. **Certificate of Proficiency for Ship Security Officers:** The existing Ship Security Officer (SSO) training as required by Regulation VI/5 and Section A-VI/5 now encompasses "anti-piracy and anti-arm robbery training". A new formatted the certificate of Proficiency for ship security officers will be issued.

7. Ship Security Officers who are assigned for designated duties under the Ship Security Plan must hold the proficiency in designated security duties addition to proficiency for ship security officers. Similarly, ship crews who are assigned for designated security duties as per ship security plan must hold proficiency in designated security certificates in addition to ship security awareness certificate.

8. The seafarer who have 6 months seagoing services and hold the existing security awareness certificate can be changed with fresh certificate of proficiency in security awareness accordance with Regulation VI/6 and section A-VI/6. Furthermore seafarers need to attend the course for proficiency in designated security duties.

9. The seafarers who have no seagoing services hold existing security awareness certificates can be changed with fresh certificate for Proficiency in security familiarization.

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