



## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 and the STCW Code**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Officers and Crew*

**Summary**

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolutions MSC.396(95) and MSC.397(95) to advise parties concerned of the amendments to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code which will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 95th session adopted resolutions MSC.396(95) and MSC.397(95) on 11 June 2015 to amend the STCW Convention and the STCW Code. The respective amendments stipulates mandatory minimum requirements on training and qualification of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the International Code of safety for ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels (IGF Code).
2. These amendments were accepted on 1 July 2016 and will enter into force on 1 January 2017.
3. The details of these amendments as annexed to IMO resolutions MSC.396(95) and MSC.397(95) can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Note.
4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, officers and crew of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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