



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Security-related Trainings for Seafarers

To : *Shipowners, Seafarers and Seafarers' Unions*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform shipowners, seafarers and seafarers' unions regarding the mandatory requirements of security-related trainings in the STCW Convention and the transitional provisions until 1 January 2014 for existing seafarers.

1. The 2010 Amendments of STCW Convention entered into force on 1 January 2012 and STCW Reg. VI/6 in respect of security-related trainings introduced the following mandatory training requirements for seafarers:-

- (a) security-related familiarization training;
- (b) security-awareness training; and
- (c) security training for seafarers with designated security duties.

Details of the above mentioned STCW provisions can be found in the appendix to this Note on Marine Department's web-site (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

2. Transitional provisions until 1 January 2014 are given in Section A-VI/6 of the STCW Code for seafarers who commenced sea service before 1 January 2012, i.e. existing seafarers. Existing seafarers will be deemed to comply with the above security-related trainings listed in paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) if they meet the transitional provisions via approved sea service, test or training where applicable within the transitional period. However, existing seafarers are still required to fully comply with the training requirements on expiry of the transitional period. Seafarers holding non-Hong Kong qualification should approach their certificate issuing authority regarding the upgrading of their certification on security-related training.

3. As the security-related training requirements will be in full implementation on and after 1 January 2014, holders of Hong Kong certificate of competency shall meet the standard of competence in respect of security-related training as specified in Section A-VI/6 of the STCW Code when they seek for revalidation of their certificates after that date and this can be demonstrated by successfully completing an approved security-related training course. For Hong Kong seafarers who hold documents on previous security-related training courses, they may approach Seafarers' Certification Section of the Marine Department for upgrading of their existing certificates. Marine Department will determine whether additional training or examination or interview is required in meeting the STCW requirements. Security-related training courses approved by recognized STCW signatory Parties for the issue of Hong Kong licences are accepted by the Marine Department and the certificate of proficiency issued by these countries are considered as equivalent certificates.

4. Enquiries relating to this Note should be made to the Senior Surveyor of Ships/Seafarers' Certification on telephone no.: (+852) 2852 4368; fax no.: (+852) 2541 6754; or e-mail address: sscrt@mardep.gov.hk.

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