



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**INTERIM GUIDELINES ON TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS ON SHIPS USING METHYL/ ETHYL ALCOHOL AS FUEL and
INTERIM GUIDELINES ON TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS ON SHIPS USING AMMONIA AS FUEL**

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Seafarers Training Institutions, Masters, Officers and Crew

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate and advise the parties concerned of 2 Interim guidelines approved by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

- STCW.7/Circ.26 (*Interim guidelines on training for seafarers on ships using methyl/ethyl alcohol as fuel*); and
- STCW.7/Circ.27 (*Interim guidelines on training for seafarers on ships using ammonia as fuel*)

Collectively referred to as the Interim Guidelines, which are to provide a reference for the development and approval of training for seafarers on ships using methyl/ethyl alcohol or ammonia to support the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the IMO at its 111th session held from 13 to 22 May 2026, approved STCW.7/Circ.26 and STCW.7/Circ.27 for the Interim Guidelines.
2. The Interim Guidelines provide an international standard for the development and approval of training of seafarers serving on ships using methyl/ethyl alcohol or ammonia as fuel to support GHG emission reduction.
3. The details of STCW.7/Circ.26 and STCW.7/Circ.27 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>) as

annexes to this Information Note.

4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Seafarers Training Institutions, Masters, Officers and Crew are reminded to note the Interim Guidelines and act accordingly.

5. For further enquiry, please contact via email: hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk.

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