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Title: New security requirements for ship crew members

Subject: Procedure of issuing the STCW certificate according to the 2010 Manila Amendments

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Reference: Ordinance on Vocation and Certificates of Competencies for Seafarers (OG no.130/13)

1 Purpose

The purpose of this circular letter is the familiarisation of all relevant subjects in maritime activities with the new provisions of the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), adopted in Manila in 2010 and referring to the training of crew members for carrying out ship security operations.

New requirements for security training have entered into force on 1st January 2012, along with the transitional provisions according to which these requirements apply from 1st January 2014. Provisions apply to all crew members onboard ships which are subject to the requirements of the ISPS Code.

2 Application

This circular letter applies to all shipping companies, maritime training centres and crewing agents

3 Training requirements

The existing training programme for the ship security officer (SSO) remains unchanged, while three new training programmes will be introduced:

- the security-related familiarisation programme;
- the security awareness training programme;
- the special security training programme.

Section A-VI/6 and the non-obligatory recommendations from Section B-VI/6 of the STCW Convention have been amended according to the Manila Amendments. The amendments have been included as appropriate in the Ordinance on Vocation and Certificates of Competencies for Seafarers (OG no.130/13)

No additional training is required for crew members which already hold an SSO certificate.

4 Mandatory security-related familiarisation programme

Before being assigned to shipboard duties, all persons employed or engaged in any capacity on the ships which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code must receive approved security-related familiarisation training.

The security-related familiarisation programme must include the following ship security elements according to Annex D41, "Security-related familiarisation programme" of the Ordinance on Ranks and Certification of Seafarers:

- basic knowledge of the plans, procedures and features of a ship related to ship security;
- basic knowledge enabling recognition of potential security threats and incidents, including piracy or armed robbery;
- basic knowledge of reporting procedures to be followed when a security threat is detected;
- procedure in extraordinary circumstances related to security threats.

The security-related familiarisation programme is to be carried out by the shipping company on whose ship the respective crew members are embarked. After the successful completion of the programme, the company issues a training certificate to all crew members employed or engaged on a ship in any capacity.

The training certificate must be kept on board as proof that the training has been completed.

5 Approved training programmes (of the Maritime Training Centre)

The Maritime Training Centre training programme must be approved by the Maritime Safety Directorate. A crew member is obliged to participate in training only once during the entire period of service at sea. This training is not subject to revalidation or a refresher course.

6 Security awareness training programme

This training is mandatory for all crew members employed or engaged in any capacity on the ships which is required to comply with the requirements of the ISPS Code. Training must be carried out according to the training programme defined in Section VI/6 part 4 of the STCW Convention as amended, that is, according to Annex D42

"Security awareness training programme" of the Ordinance on Ranks and Certification of Seafarers.

After completing special training and passing the corresponding examination according to the programme from Annex C48 of the Ordinance on Ranks and Certification of Seafarers, a crew member acquires the Certificate of proficiency on security-related training in security awareness (STCW VI/6-1). The validity period of the certificate is not restricted.

7 Special security training programme for seafarers with designated security duties

Training is obligatory for all crew members onboard ships with specific duties according to the requirements of the ISPS Code, related to the ship security plan. Training must be carried out according to the training programme defined in Section VI/6 parts 6-8 of the STCW Convention as amended, that is, according to Annex D43 "Special security training programme for seafarers with designated security duties" of the Ordinance on Ranks and Certification of Seafarers.

After completing special training and passing the corresponding examination according to the programme from Annex C49 of the Ordinance on Ranks and Certification of Seafarers, a crew member acquires the Certificate of proficiency on security-related training in designated security duties (STCW VI/6-2). The validity period of the certificate is not restricted.

