

Quick Reference Guide – STW Amendments

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Draft Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code to be submitted for adoption to a Diplomatic Conference in Manila on June 21 to 25, 2010

"Our vision of the revised Convention and Code has always been that the two instruments would provide, at any given time, the necessary global standards for the training and certification of seafarers to operate technologically advanced ships today and in the foreseeable future.." - IMO Secretary-General Efthimios E. Mitropoulos

Chapter I - General Provisions:

- Improving measures to prevent fraudulent practices associated with certificate of competency
- Strengthening the evaluation process or monitoring of parties' compliance with the convention
- Standards relating to medical fitness for seafarers

Chapter II – Master and Deck Department:

- Certification requirements for able seafarers (deck)
- Celestial Navigation
- Automatic Radar plotting aids and Radar requirements
- Marine environment awareness training
- Leadership and teamwork
- Vessel traffic service training

Chapter III – Engine Department

- Near coastal requirements
- Marine environment awareness training
- Leadership and teamwork
- Upgrading of competences for engineers
- Certification requirements for able seafarer (engine)

Chapter IV – Radio Communications

- Change name "Radio personnel" to "Radio operator"
- Reflect current regulations including references to the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual

Chapter V

- Standards regarding special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships
- Competence requirements for personnel serving on board all types of tankers including liquefied gas tankers
- Regulations for personnel on Ro-ro Passenger and Passenger ships combined to cover all passenger ships

Chapter VI

- Emergency, occupational safety, security, medical care and survival functions.
- New requirements for maintaining professional competence in areas where training cannot be conducted on board.
- new requirements for security training, as well as provisions to ensure that seafarers are properly trained to cope if their ship comes under attack by pirates

Chapter VII – Alternative Certification

- Changes in other chapters are reflected
- Additional requirements for certification of able seafarers and specifications for approved seagoing service
- Training required for certification of candidates at support level in various functions

Chapter VIII – Watchkeeping

- Updated and expanded requirements on hours of work and rest
- New requirements for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse

Other draft resolutions for submission:

- The contribution of International Labor Organization
- Development of guidelines to implement international standards of medical fitness for seafarers
- Revision of IMO model courses
- Promotion of technical knowledge, skills and professionalism of seafarers
- Attracting new entrants and maintaining seafarers of the maritime profession
- Promotion of technical cooperation
- Transitional provisions and early implementation of the revised STCW Conventions and Code
- Promotion of the participation of women in the maritime industry
- Accommodation for trainees aboard ships
- Verification of certificates of competency and endorsements
- Standards of Training and Certification and Ship's manning levels
- Future amendments and review of the STCW Convention and Code
- Recommendation on measures to ensure the competency of masters and officers on ships operating in Polar regions.
- Draft assembly resolution for Principles of Minimum Safe Manning replacing Principles of Safe Manning (resolution A.890(21), as amended)

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