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**AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE**

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-fifth session (3 to 12 June 2015), adopted the following amendments to part B of the STCW Code.
- 2 In section B-I/2, table B-I/2 is replaced with the following:

"Table B-I/2

List of certificates or documentary evidence required under the STCW Convention

The list below identifies all certificates or documentary evidence described in the Convention which authorize the holder to serve in certain functions on board ships. The certificates are subject to the requirements of regulation I/2 regarding language and their availability in original form.

The list also references the relevant regulations and the requirements for endorsement, registration and revalidation.

Regulations	Type of certificate and brief description	Endorsement attesting recognition of a certificate¹	Registration required²	Revalidation of certificate³
II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, IV/2, VII/2	Certificate of Competency – For masters, officers and GMDSS radio operators	Yes	Yes	Yes
II/4, III/4, VII/2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings duly certified to be a part of a navigational or engine-room watch	No	Yes	No
II/5, III/5, III/7, VII/2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings duly certified as able seafarer deck, able seafarer engine or electro-technical rating	No	Yes	No

Regulations	Type of certificate and brief description	Endorsement attesting recognition of a certificate ¹	Registration required ²	Revalidation of certificate ³
V/1-1, V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency or endorsement to a Certificate of Competency – For masters and officers on oil, chemical or liquefied gas tankers	Yes	Yes	Yes
V/1-1, V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings on oil, chemical or liquefied gas tankers	No	Yes	No
V/2	Documentary evidence – Training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel serving on passenger ships	No	No	No ⁴
V/3	Certificate of Proficiency – training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code	No	Yes	Yes ⁸
VI/1	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ – Basic training	No	Yes	Yes ⁶
VI/2	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ – Survival craft, rescue boats and fast rescue boats	No	Yes	Yes ⁶
VI/3	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ – Advanced firefighting	No	Yes	Yes ⁶
VI/4	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ – Medical first aid and medical care	No	Yes	No
VI/5	Certificate of Proficiency – Ship security officer	No	Yes	No
VI/6	Certificate of Proficiency ⁷ – Security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties	No	Yes	No

Notes:

- ¹ *Endorsement attesting recognition of a certificate* means endorsement in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 7.
- ² *Registration required* means as part of register or registers in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 14.
- ³ *Revalidation of a certificate* means establishing continued professional competence in accordance with regulation I/11 or maintaining the required standards of competence in accordance with sections A-V/3 and A-VI/1 to A-VI/3, as applicable.

- 4 As required by regulation V/2, paragraph 3 seafarers who have completed training in "crowd management", "crisis management and human behaviour" or "passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity" shall at intervals not exceeding five years, undertake appropriate refresher training or to provide evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence within the previous five years.
- 5 The certificates of competency issued in accordance with regulations II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6 and VII/2 include the proficiency requirements in "basic training", "survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats", "advanced firefighting" and "medical first aid" therefore, holders of mentioned certificates of competency are not required to carry Certificates of Proficiency in respect of those competences of chapter VI.
- 6 In accordance with sections A-VI/1, A-VI/2 and A-VI/3, seafarers shall provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence every five years.
- 7 Where security awareness training or training in designated security duties is not included in the qualification for the certificate to be issued.
- 8 In accordance with regulation V/3, seafarers shall, at intervals not exceeding five years, undertake appropriate refresher training or be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five years."

3 In chapter V, the following new section is added after the existing section B-V/2:

"Section B-V/3

Guidance regarding the training and qualifications of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code

PERSON WITH IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY

1 The term "person with immediate responsibility" as used in regulation V/3, paragraphs 7 and 9 means a person being in a decision-making capacity with respect to handling of fuel addressed by the IGF Code or other fuel-related operations.

PROOF OF QUALIFICATION

2 The master of every ship subject to the IGF Code should ensure that the officer or the person with immediate responsibility for the fuel on board possesses the appropriate certificate, issued or endorsed or validated as required by regulation V/3, and has had adequate recent practical experience on board an appropriate type of ship to permit that officer or person to safely perform the duties assigned.

GUIDANCE REGARDING SEAGOING SERVICE

3 The purpose of qualifying shipboard service is to provide training and knowledge for the safe use of fuels addressed by the IGF Code.

4 To satisfy the experience appropriate to their duties on the ship on which they serve as referred to in regulation V/3, onboard training should:

- .1 emphasize practical "hands on experience" and be related to the employment of the seafarer, i.e. the training of deck and engineering departments may be different;

- .2 be under the supervision of personnel qualified and experienced in the handling, characteristics and safety procedures of the fuels being used by the ship; and
- .3 be on board a ship carrying fuels relative to the Certificate of Proficiency being sought and should be such that the specialized equipment is brought into operation for the use of the fuels addressed by the IGF Code.

5 The onboard training programme must in no way affect the safe running or the seaworthiness of the ship."

4 The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

5 STCW Parties and all others concerned are invited to note the above and take action as appropriate.
