

RESOLUTION MSC.374(93)
(adopted on 22 May 2014)

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

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO article XII and regulation I/1.2.3 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention", concerning the procedures for amending part A of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its ninety-third session, amendments to part A of the STCW Code, proposed and circulated in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(i) of the Convention,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the STCW Code, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(vii)(2) of the Convention, that the said amendments to the STCW Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 unless, prior to that date, more than one third of Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping of ships of 100 gross register tonnes or more, have notified their objections to the amendments;

3 INVITES Parties to the Convention to note that, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(ix) of the Convention, the annexed amendments to the STCW Code shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article XII(1)(a)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Parties to the Convention;

5 ALSO REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Parties to the Convention.

ANNEX

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

CHAPTER I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 A new section A-I/16 is added after the existing section A-I/15 that reads as follows:

"Section A-I/16

Verification of compliance

1 For the purpose of regulation I/16 the areas that shall be subject to audit are indicated in the table below:

AREAS SUBJECT TO BE AUDITED		
REFERENCE	AREA	REMARKS AND SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

INITIAL COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

Article IV, regulation I/7, and section A-I/7, paragraph 2	Initial communication of information	Has the Party communicated information pursuant to article IV and regulation I/7? If yes, has the Maritime Safety Committee confirmed that the information provided demonstrates that "full and complete effect" is given to the provisions of the STCW Convention?
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SUBSEQUENT REPORTS

Article IX and section A-I/7, paragraph 3.1	Equivalentents	Has the Administration retained/adopted any equivalent educational and training arrangements since communicating information pursuant to regulation I/7? If yes, have the details of such arrangements been reported to the Secretary-General?
Regulation I/10 and section A-I/7, paragraph 3.2	Recognition of certificates	Does the Administration recognize certificates issued by other Party in accordance with regulation I/10? If yes, has the Party submitted reports on the measures taken to ensure compliance with regulation I/10?
Regulation VII/1, section A-I/7, paragraph 3.3	Alternative certification	Does the Party authorize employment of seafarers holding alternative certificates issued under regulation VII/1 on ships entitled to fly its flag? If yes, has a copy of the type of minimum safe manning document issued to such ships been provided to the Secretary-General?

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REFERENCE	AREA	REMARKS AND SUMMARY DESCRIPTION
Regulation I/8.3 and section A-I/7, paragraph 4	Communication of information concerning the periodic independent evaluation	Has the Party communicated its report of independent evaluation pursuant to regulation I/8?
Regulation I/7.4, and section A-I/7 paragraphs 5 and 6	Communication of information concerning STCW amendments	Has the Party communicated a report concerning implementation of subsequent mandatory amendments to the STCW Convention and Code?
Regulation I/13, paragraphs 4 and 5	Conduct of trials	Has the Administration authorized ships entitle to fly its flag to participate in trials? If yes, have the details of such trials been reported to the Secretary-General (paragraph 4)?, and Have the details of results of the trials been reported to the Secretary-General (paragraph 5)?
Article VIII	Dispensations	Has the Administration issued any dispensation? If yes, are reports related to dispensations issued during each year sent to the Secretary-General?

CONTROL

Article X and regulation I/4	Port State control	Has the Party exercised port State control? If yes, have control measures as required under article X been established?
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FITNESS FOR DUTY AND WATCHKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Regulation VIII/1, paragraph 1 and section A-VIII/1	Fatigue prevention	Has the Administration established measures to enforce the STCW Convention and Code requirements in respect of fatigue prevention?
Regulation VIII/ 1, paragraph 2 and section A-VIII/1, paragraph 10	Prevention of drug and alcohol abuse	Has the Administration established measures to enforce STCW Convention and Code requirements for the purpose of preventing drug and alcohol abuse?
Regulation VIII/2	Watchkeeping arrangements and principles to be observed	Has the Administration directed the attention of companies, masters, chief engineer officers and all watchkeeping personnel to the requirements, principles and guidance set out in the STCW Code to ensure that safe continuous watches appropriate to prevailing circumstances and conditions are maintained in all seagoing ships at all times?

2 The following new text is inserted at the end of the existing notes 6 and 7 of table A-I/9 as follows:

"Other equivalent confirmatory test methods currently recognized by the Administration may continue to be used."