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Shipping Guidance Notice – 067

Subject: STCW 1978 as amended by the Manila 2010 Amendments - Seafarers' certification

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers, Local Representatives

References:

- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Manning Training and Certification for Seafarers) Regulations 2006, as amended.
- IMO: STCW Convention & Code including 2010 Manila Amendments, 2011 Edition.
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Regulations 2013, as amended.
- ITF Publication: STCW: A guide for seafarers', taking into account the 2010 Manila Amendments
- STCW Recognised Countries: <http://www.gibraltarship.com/download-file/538>
- Shipping Guidance Notice 066

Background:

The provisions of the Manila Amendments come into effect on 01 January 2017. All seafarer documentation will be required to comply with the provisions of the Manila Amendments. Seafarers will need to submit documentary evidence of compliance with these provisions in any application that is submitted to the Administration for the issuance of endorsements. The following outlines each new requirement, and what will be accepted as documentary evidence to satisfy the Manila Amendments provisions.

Ratings serving on Gibraltar ships do not require endorsements to their certificates of competency

For Gibraltar registered ships, Party State refers to an STCW Party State recognised by the Gibraltar Government. A list of such States may be found on the GMA website.

1.0 DECK OFFICERS

All deck officers will be required to provide evidence they have received approved training in:

Bridge Resource Management (BRM);
Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training
Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS).

1.1 BRM and Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial Training

BRM and Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training requirements may be found in the tables of Section A of the STCW Code.

Leadership and Teamwork training is required for operational level officers.

Leadership and Managerial training is required for management level officers.

Specifics may be found in tables A-II/1, A-II/3.

Evidence that an officer is qualified in BRM, and Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training, may be provided by any of the following:

A Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar that expires after 31 December 2016 or

A training certificate from an accepted facility whose program has been approved as compliant with the above tables by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar. The certificate must bear the proper STCW references and the administration approval; or

A BRM certificate from a course that includes the Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training, will serve as evidence for both qualifications

1.2 ECDIS

Generic ECDIS training is required in the tables of Section A of the STCW Code. Specifics are found in tables A-II/1, A-II/2, and A-II/3. Evidence that an officer is qualified in ECDIS can be provided by any of the following:

A Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar that expires after 31 December 2016 and bears no ECDIS limitations, or

A training certificate from an accepted facility, whose program has been approved as compliant with the above tables by an STCW Party State administration, recognised by the Gibraltar. The certificate must bear the proper STCW references and the administration approval; or

ECDIS training is required at two (2) levels:

Generic ECDIS training is required to be completed in a shore-side training facility whose course has been approved by the administration of a nation on the IMO white list; and

Type specific familiarization with the specific equipment on board a ship may be done either on board or ashore but must familiarize the deck officer with the specific unit he/she will be using on board. This training should be done in accordance with the Safety Management System procedures of the vessel.

Deck officers who cannot provide sufficient documentary evidence of having completed the required Generic ECDIS training will receive a limitation to vessels that are not fitted with ECDIS on their CoC or endorsements.

2.0 ENGINEERING OFFICERS (including Electro-Technical Officers ETOs)

All engineering officers will be required to provide evidence they have received approved training in:

Engine Room Resource Management (ERM);
Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training; and
High Voltage (HV) systems (see 2.2)

2.1 ERM and Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial Training.

ERM, and Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training, are required in the tables of Section A of the STCW Code.

Leadership and Teamwork training is required for operational level officers.

Leadership and Managerial training is required for management level officers.

Specifics may be found in table A-III/1, A-III/2, A-III/3 and A-III/6.

Evidence that an officer is qualified in ERM and leadership and Teamwork/ Managerial can be provided by any of the following:

Certificate of Competency issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar that expires after 31 December 2016; or

A training certificate from an accepted facility whose program has been approved as compliant with the above tables by an STCW Party State administration recognised by the Gibraltar. The certificate must bear the proper STCW references and the administration approval; or

A ERM certificate from a course that includes the Leadership and Teamwork/Managerial training as applicable will serve as evidence for both qualifications.

2.2 HV Systems

Training in HV systems is required in the tables of Section A of the STCW Code.

Specifics are found in tables A-III/1, A-III/2, A-III/3, and A-III/6. Evidence that an officer is qualified in HV systems can be provided by any of the following:

Certificate of Competency issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar that expires after 31 December 2016 and bears no limitations ; or

A training certificate from an accepted facility whose program has been approved as compliant with the above tables by an STCW Party State administration recognised by the Gibraltar. The certificate must bear the proper STCW references and the administration approval.

Engineering officers who cannot provide sufficient documentary evidence they have completed the required HV training will receive a limitation to vessels that are not fitted with HV systems on their CoC or endorsements.

3.0 NEW CAPACITIES

3.1 Electro-Technical officer (ETO), STCW Regulation III/6

If a seafarer is serving on board a vessel in the capacity of ETO, he/she must be able to provide documentary evidence to authorities that he/she is qualified.

Evidence that an officer is qualified in HV systems can be provided by the following:

Certificate of Competency issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar.

ETO endorsements will be issued at the operational level.

3.2 Able Seafarer – Deck (ASD), STCW REGULATION II/5

Seafarers serving on board in this capacity must be able to provide documentary evidence that they are qualified. The seafarer must be in possession of a certificate issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar that bears the STCW II/5 reference.

The possession of an ASD certificate will offer evidence the seafarer also possesses Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats, other than Fast Rescue Boat training, as required for this capacity.

3.3 Able Seafarer – Engine (ASE), STCW Regulation III/5

Seafarers serving on board in this capacity must be able to provide documentary evidence that they are qualified. The seafarer must be in possession of a certificate issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar nationally that bears the STCW III/5 reference.

3.4 Electro-technical Rating (ETR), STCW Regulation III/7

Seafarers serving on board in this capacity must be able to provide documentary evidence that they are qualified. The seafarer must be in possession of a certificate issued by an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar that bears the STCW III/7 reference.

4.0 TRAINING

4.1 General training

All training certificates will be required to bear the applicable STCW references. Additionally, they must bear the approval that the course for which the certificate is generated is in compliance with the provisions of the Manila Amendments. This approval must be from the administration of an STCW Party State administration recognised by Gibraltar.

After 01 January 2017, certificates submitted to the Administrator in application for endorsement, will be required to be dated within the five (5) years prior to the CoC endorsement date on application. This

includes both original and refresher training certificates. Exceptions to this requirement as noted in Table B-1/2 of the STCW Code.

4.2 Refresher training

Refresher training in some competencies is required by the Manila Amendments. The Administrator will follow Table B-1/2 found in Part B of the STCW Code. Some refresher training may be completed on board. This would include training that does not require the seafarer to demonstrate proficiency; for example, Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities could be a lecture or Computer Based Training (CBT) module. Other training, such as Personal Survival Techniques and Fire Fighting, require a demonstration of proficiency and must be done shore-side.

4.3 Security training

There are two (2) security training competencies required by the Manila Amendments as follows:

Security Awareness training is required by STCW Regulation VI/6. for all ship's personnel. This can be through an approved shore side or CBT training course, or qualifications can be met by at least six (6) months experience on board a vessel that exercises an active ship security plan. Qualifications for security awareness can also be met by successfully completing a course for those with designated security duties, as described below, or for ship security officer, and

Seafarers with Designated Security Duties: Ship's personnel who are designated in the ship security plan as having designated security duties must be qualified in accordance with STCW Regulation VI/6.

All personnel must be able to provide documentary evidence that they are qualified.

4.4 Tanker Training

4.4.1. Oil and Chemical Tanker Basic Training; STCW Regulation V/1-1. 1-2

Officers and ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on oil or chemical tanker must hold a certificate for basic training in oil and chemical tanker cargo operations.

Note that liquefied gas is no longer included in this training. Also note that shore-side fighting training required by (STCW '95) is now included in this training.

Seafarers who work on oil and/or chemical tankers must have evidence of training at the appropriate function level

4.4.2. Liquefied Gas Tanker Basic Training; STCW Regulation V/1-2.1-2

Officers and ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on liquefied gas tankers must hold a certificate for basic training in liquefied gas tanker cargo operations.

Note that shore-side fire-fighting training (required by STCW '95) is now included in this training.

4.4.3. Advanced oil Tanker Training; STCW Regulation V/1-1.3-4

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers, and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo-related operations on oil tankers must hold a certificate in advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations (STCW Regulation V/1-1.7)

Management level certificates also will require the officer to provide documentary evidence that he/she has at least three (3) months experience on an oil tanker.

4.4.4 Advanced Chemical Tanker Training; STCW Regulation V/1-1.5-6

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers, and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on chemical tankers must hold a certificate in advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations at the appropriate function level.

4.4.5. Advanced Liquefied Gas Tanker training; STCW regulation V/1-2.3-4

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers, and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operation on liquefied gas tankers must hold a certificate in advanced training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations (STCW Regulation V1-2.5) at the appropriate function level.

Management level certificates also will require the officer to provide documentary evidence that he/she has at least three (3) months experience on a gas tanker.

5. Manning

5.1 ETO & ETR

There is no mandatory requirement for a ship to carry an ETO or ETR.

The requirement to have an ETO or ETR on board in addition to STCW Engineer officer to operate and maintain the ship board electrical, electronic and control systems shall be determined by the Company in accordance with international guidelines.

When such an assessment indicates that an ETO or ETR is required, then this should be included in the Company application for a Safe Manning Document.

5.2 Cook/Seaman

Every Gibraltar ship which ordinarily operates with a crew of 10 or more seafarers on board, must not proceed to sea unless a qualified cook is on board.

If a Gibraltar registered ship operates with a crew of less than 10 seafarers, then a deck rating (STCW Reg IV/1), experienced in food & personal hygiene, food handling, preparation and storage on ships may undertake the duties of a cook.

If the Cook / seaman is required to undertake bridge watch-keeping / lookout duties, then he/she must be qualified as Navigational Watch Rating Reg II/4.

6. Responsibilities

The Company is responsible (STCW Reg I/14) for ensuring that the ship is manned in compliance with the Safe Manning Document and IMO Res 1047(27) by properly trained, qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers. This responsibility remains with the ISM Company irrespective of the use of recruitment, manning or crew agencies.

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