



Marine Notice No. 13 of 2008

**NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, MASTERS, OFFICERS,
SEAFARERS, COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS, SHIP SECURITY OFFICERS
RECOGNISED SECURITY ORGANISATIONS (SHIPS) AND AGENTS**

**New requirements over a transition period for certification of
SHIP SECURITY OFFICERS (SSO) on board Irish ships in
accordance with STCW 78/95 Chapter VI**

Revised requirements for certification of Ship Security Officers (SSO) came into operation on 1st January 2008. The purpose of this Marine Notice is to outline the new requirements over the transition period 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008 for certification of Ship Security Officers (SSO) on board Irish ships in accordance with STCW 78/95 Chapter VI.

General

Training courses have been provided for the Ship Security Officer in accordance with the ISPS Code. The persons who have successfully attended these courses have been issued with certificates as evidence that they are deemed duly certified by this administration.

The period 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008 will permit transition from the current arrangements to a system that complies with STCW Chapter VI. All relevant certificates issued prior to and during this transition period for SSO on Irish ships will continue to be recognised by this administration and the holders are deemed as meeting the current requirements now contained in STCW Chapter VI.

Training for SSO

From the 1st January 2009 at the latest, approved course providers will be required to issue certificates in a format agreed by the Marine Survey Office to seafarers who satisfactorily complete training under Section A-VI/5 of STCW 78/95 Code.

Intending training providers for SSO should make a submission for approval with course syllabus to the Chief Surveyor, Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin. 2. IMO Model Course 3.19 may be of assistance in the preparation of this course.

Regulation I/6 STCW Convention and Section A-I/6 of the Code is brought to the attention of potential training providers and assessors.

Relevant legislation

Regulation S.I. No. 413 of 2004 Section 4(2) requires under Part A Section 12.1 of the ISPS (International Ship & Port Facility Security) Code that a SSO shall be designated to each ship and requires the SSO to comply with obligations under Part A Section 12.2 of ISPS (International Ship & Port Facility Security) Code.

Part B Section 12 of the ISPS Code refers relevant guidance to SSO and Section 13 refers to training of SSO et al.

Responsibilities of Companies

Operators of Irish registered ships should be familiar with the Responsibilities of Companies under STCW Regulation I/14 and Section A-I/14 of STCW Code and in particular that a seafarer before being assigned to a ship can provide clear evidence of all the correct and valid documents and certificates of competency. If there is a requirement for an endorsement to a certificate i.e. a certificate of equivalent competency then the seafarer should not be on board a ship without that endorsement or a formal receipt of application for such endorsement from the Examination Section of the Marine Survey Office. The responsibility is on the company to ensure that all relevant certificates and qualifications are authentic and valid before appointing a seafarer to their ship. In accordance with Section 6.3 of the ISM Code a clear procedure should be detailed in the Company Safety Management System.

Director General,
Maritime Safety Directorate,
Department of Transport,
Leeson Lane,
Dublin 2.

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Footnote: Marine Notice No. 14 of 2004 and Marine Notice No. 16 of 2007 give general guidance on maritime security and safety measures in Ireland.

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