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STCW Training Qualification for Ships Security Officers

As noted under MSC.203 (81) and MSC.209 (81) the STCW Code will be amended to include approved training for Ship Security Officers. These requirements come into force on 1st January 2008 with a transition period up to 1st July 2009 for making the required changes.

Previously this Administration had accepted Ship Security Officers receiving their training from the Company Security Officer (Bulletin 59) but as of 1st July 2009 all SSO's onboard Barbados registered ships will require to be in possession of a certificate confirming their attendance at a course, approved by a recognised Administration, and covering the scope as laid down STCW Section A-VI/5.

Where, after 1st July 2009, it is found unavoidable that a ship does not have the required qualified SSO onboard then the Flag State may issue a 30 day Dispensation (STCW.6/Circ.9).

STCW Section A-VI/5 can be found on

www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=8523/938e_stcw_2007sup.pdf

This Administration will recognise other forms of SSO qualifications as noted in Bulletin 59 until 1st July 2009.

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