



Briefings of IMO Meeting

HTW 6 (29 April – 3 May 2019)

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Subject : News Flash of HTW 6

The Sub-committee on Human Element, Training and Watch Keeping (hereinafter 'HTW 6') held its 6th session from 29 April to 3 May 2019. Please be informed of the main and summarized outputs of HTW 6 as below.

1. Development of Model Training Course (Agenda 3)

- Approval for development of two(2) Model Training Courses¹**
 - Development of new model course on basic training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code²
 - Development of new model course on advanced training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code

2. List for Certificates and Endorsements required by STCW convention (Agenda 5)

- Discussion regarding revision of list³ for certificates and endorsements which are to be required with seafarers**
 - Background
 - In order to prevent unnecessary dispute with PSCO, the list noted in STCW code B-I/2 was required to be mentioned clearly in HTW 5 and then Correspondence Group was established
 - Content of discussion and Result
 - As instructed by the Sub-Committee, the Group, taking into account the Report of the Correspondence Group, used the document suggested by

¹ This is guidance regarding detailed course and timetable of training required by STCW convention, and it is recommended to parties of STCW convention

² This is the International Code of Safety for ship using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels

³ This is the list of certification or documentary evidence required under STCW Convention B-I/2



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ICS as the basis for the finalization of the draft amendments to table B-I/2 of the STCW Code

- New footnote will be inserted in order to note the following content;
"Every master, officers and radio operator holding a certificate issued or recognized under any chapter of STCW Convention, except chapter V/3 and VI, shall be required to meet the standards of medical fitness prescribed by STCW Reg.I/11, at intervals not exceeding five years"
- New footnote will be inserted in order to note the following content;
The holders of "ship security officer training"(STCW A-VI/5, table A-VI/5) should not be required to undergo further training and obtain certification under section A-VI/6 related to "competency for security awareness"(STCW A-VI/6, table A-VI/6-1) and "training for seafarers with designated security duties"(STCW A-VI/6, table A-VI/6-2)"
- New footnote will be inserted in order to note the following content;
The holders of "training for seafarers with designated security duties" should not be required to undergo further training and obtain certification related to "competency for security awareness".
- Reviewed amendments to table B-I/2 of the STCW Code will be submitted to MSC Committee with a view to adoption

3. Comprehensive Review of 1995 STCW-F Convention⁴ (Agenda 6)

Review for report of Correspondence Group on the comprehensive review of 1995 STCW-F Convention

o Background

- In order to discuss Reg.II/3(Mandatory minimum requirements for certification of skippers on fishing vessels of 24 meters in length and over operating in limited waters) and Reg.II/4(Mandatory minimum

⁴ Standards of training, certification and watch-keeping for seafarers onboard fishing vessel



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requirements for certification of officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over operating in limited waters), Correspondence Group was established in HTW 5

○ Content of discussion and Result

- It was pointed out that the seagoing service in "Aquaculture vessel" may be as a substitution requirement for seagoing service in fishing vessel mentioned in paragraph 2.2 of Reg.II/3. However, since "Aquaculture vessel" is not related with fishing activities, this wording will not be added to concerned paragraph
- The competence of English language is included in the specification of minimum standard of competence for shippers and officers on fishing vessels
- The special training program by administration or seagoing service of merchant vessel shall be equivalent to the period of the required seagoing service of fishing vessel
- The celestial navigation is included with specification of competence for officers

Definition of Limited Water and Application of STCW-F

- It was decided that the competent authority of a Party that had ratified the STCW-F Convention should decide which areas could be considered as "limited waters"
- The competent authority could choose a gross tonnage or length to apply STCW-F Convention as the basis for measurement. It was to be consistent with equivalencies provided for in the Capetown agreement⁵
 - 24m in length=300 gross tonnage, 45m in length=950 gross tonnage

⁵ Agreement for safety of fishing vessel



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Work plan for amendment of STCW-F

- Re-establishment of the correspondence group
(Report to be submitted in HTW 7 <June, 2020>)
- Meeting of the intersessional working group (10-14 February 2020)
- Finalization of the revised STCW-F Convention and Code
(HTW 8 <2nd half of 2021>)
- Adoption of the revised STCW-F Convention and Code
(MSC 106 <2nd half of 2022>)

4. Role of the Human Element (Agenda 7)

Promotion for application of casualty cases and lessons learned to seafarer's training and education

- Background
 - It was suggested in HTW 5 that the development of guidance on the application of marine casualty cases and lessons learned to seafarers' training and education was necessary.
- Content of discussion and Result
 - Document regarding items to be considered for the development of guidance was submitted, and then, based on this document, the draft guidance on this issue is required to submit in HTW 7.

5. Development of amendments to the STCW Convention and Code for the use of electronic certificates and documents of seafarers (Agenda 9)

Items to be considered for addressing the use of electronic certificates and documents of seafarers

- Content of discussion and Result



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- It was agreed that a correspondence group should be established to further consider how to address(ex. Privacy, security assurance, etc.) this issue

6. Any other business (Agenda 12)

Comprehensive review of STCW Convention and Code

o Content of discussion and Result

- Regarding STCW Convention and Code, the concerns of shipowners and operators(ex. Requirement for qualification and competence of seafarers is not insufficient to meet the levels required by present industry, etc) was mentioned.
- Many parties agreed this issue, and it was decided that detailed discussion would be implemented after approval for a new output by Committee on MSC Session 102(May, 2020) – The end -

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