



Briefings of IMO Meeting

HTW 8 (07 -11 Feb. 2022)

BRIEFING STATUS

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Subject: Newsflash of HTW 8

The Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) was held its eighth session remotely from 07 to 11 Feb. 2022. In this regard, please be informed of the main issues and summary of HTW 8 as below. In reviewing this flash, it should be assured that the outputs written herein are not legally effective until they are adopted as mandatory instruments by MSC.

1. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE 1995 STCW-F CONVENTION (Agenda 8)

***International convention on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for fishing vessel personnel, 1995**

- The Sub-Committee agreed the amendments to 1995 STCW-F Convention that:
 - Chief engineer officers on a seagoing fishing vessel powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000kW propulsion power or more shall have not less than 36 months.
 - Every officer in charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineer officer on a seagoing fishing vessel powered by main propulsion machinery of 750kW propulsion power or more shall have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months in the engine-room. However, the Administration may allow, as deemed necessary, the substitution of up to six months of the seagoing service by a period of special training such as workshop skills training.
- The Sub-Committee agreed to defer the draft resolution addressing training on response against piracy and armed robbery for consideration by HTW 9.



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2. DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CONVENTION AND CODE FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS OF SEAFARERS (Agenda 9)

- The Sub-Committee approved the amendments to STCW convention and code to allow use of electronic certificates and documents of seafarers.
- The Sub-Committee also approved 'Draft guidelines on the use of electronic certificates of seafarers' which specifies the requirements of electronic certificates and endorsement.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF MEASURES TO ENSURE QUALITY OF ONBOARD TRAINING AS PART OF THE MANDATORY SEAGOING SERVICE REQUIRED BY THE STCW CONVENTION (Agenda 10)

- It was noted that not all of the competencies could be achieved by prospective officers and assessed effectively on board the ship during Onboard Training(OBT). Moreover, the OBT time in a lot of cases was wasted on the so-called "chipping and painting". Taking into account the novel opportunities based on modern training technologies and innovative educational methodologies effectively streamlining and balancing of OBT and Training Ashore (TAS) was discussed.
- The Sub-Committee established the Correspondence Group and requested it to submit a report to HTW 9.



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4. DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PROVISIONS FOR SEAFARERS RELATED TO THE BWM CONVENTION (Agenda 12)

- BWM Convention and associated guidance emphasize the importance of training and familiarization of masters, officers and ratings to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities under the BWM Convention and operate and maintain ballast water management systems on board ships. Therefore, generic training related to the operation and maintenance of ballast water management systems is required and should be treated the same as generic training related to any other piece of ship's systems and equipment, and as such, it should be included in the STCW Convention.
- Having noted the differing views from the Member States, the need for a unified approach for the preparation of amendments to the STCW Code, and the fact that an output on the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention had not been agreed yet, the Sub-Committee invited interested Member States and international organizations to submit relevant proposals to the next session

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda 15)

- Review of draft Interim guidelines on safe operation of onshore power supply (OPS) service in port for ships engaged on international voyages
 - The Sub-Committee had considered the training provisions in the draft guidelines which was developed by SSE prior to submission to MSC.
 - The Sub-Committee agreed to the draft modification for the provisions for competency requirements of persons in charge of high- and low-voltage OPS



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systems on board and for elimination of differing requirements based on the power of the main propulsion machinery

Cybersecurity-related training for seafarers

- It was proposed to discuss the necessity of developing, for possible inclusion in the 1978 STCW Convention, relevant provisions on cybersecurity-related training for seafarers taking into account the emergence of the digitalization era in the maritime industry.
- The Sub-Committee invited interested Member States and international organizations to submit relevant proposals for a new output to MSC. <End>

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