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INSPECTORS, SHIP OWNERS/ OPERATORS**

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NOTICE

SUBJECT: SECURITY TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS
STCW Convention Regulation VI/6

Dear All,

The purpose of this notice is to remind Deputy Registrars, Seafarers Agents, General Safety Inspectors, Ship Owners/ Operators of changes in the security training required, as of January 1, 2014 for all seafarers employed or engaged on seagoing ships to which the provisions of the ISPS Code apply. The required training must be completed prior to the seafarer being assigned shipboard duties.

There are three levels of security training;

Security-related familiarization training shall be conducted by the Ship Security Officer or an equally qualified person for all persons employed or engaged in any capacity on ships which are required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code before being assigned shipboard duties.

On completion of this training the seafarer will be at least able to;

- Report a security incident;
- Know the procedures to follow when they recognize a security threat; and

- Take part in security – related emergency and contingency procedures.

Documentary evidence must be kept by the ship to show this training was completed.

In order for owners / managers to ensure this onboard training is “approved” there are two methods which can be employed; 1) amend the Ship Security Plan at the section of training, drills, and exercises (as per ISPS Code Section 9.4) to include the requirements of this training course; or 2) include this training into the Safety Management System of the ship.

If the Ship Security Plan does not include a clear reference to security familiarization training for all seafarers on board meeting the STCW requirements, owners / managers should make the necessary changes as soon as possible and submit the amendments to IMMARBEE for approval.

Security awareness training must be undertaken by all seafarers, without designated security duties, employed or engaged in any capacity on ships which are required to comply with the ISPS Code. This training leads to the issuance of an STCW Certificate of Proficiency meeting the requirements of Section A.VI/6.4 of the STCW Code.

This training should generally be part of an approved shore based course which the seafarers without designated security duties must complete one time in their career.

On completion of this training a seafarer will at least be able to;

- Contribute to the enhancement of marine security through heightened awareness;
- Recognize security threats; and
- Understand the need for, and methods of, maintaining security awareness and vigilance.

Seafarers with designated security duties training must be undertaken by seafarers employed in any capacity on ships which are required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code, who have designated duties under the Ship Security Plan, including anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery- related activities, shall be trained and hold an STCW certificate for security duties.

This training leads to the issuance of an STCW Certificate of Proficiency meeting the requirements of Section A. VI/6 paragraph 6-8, of the STCW Code 1978, as amended and indicating the seafarer must at least be able to;

- maintain the conditions set out in a ship security plan;
- recognize security risks and threats;
- undertake regular security inspections; and
- properly use security equipment and systems

All concerned should be aware that it is expected PSC will be checking closely to ensure ships required to comply with ISPS Code are in fact, doing so.

For any queries, further information or assistance, please contact the undersigned.

With kind regards,



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