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**AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE**

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (10 to 19 May 2006), adopted amendments to part B of the STCW Code regarding training for Ship Security Officers, as set out in the annex.
- 2 Having adopted, by resolutions MSC.203(81) and MSC.209(81) amendments to the STCW Convention and part A of the STCW Code relating to the training and certification of ship security officers, the Committee decided that the amendments to part B of the STCW Code will become effective on the same date, namely, 1 January 2008.
- 3 STCW Parties and all others concerned are invited to note the annexed amendments and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODEPART B
RECOMMENDED GUIDANCE REGARDING PROVISIONS OF THE STCW CONVENTION
AND ITS ANNEXCHAPTER VI
Guidance regarding emergency, occupational safety,
medical care and survival functions

1 The existing title to chapter VI is replaced by the following:

**“Guidance regarding emergency, occupational safety, security,
medical care and survival functions”**

2 The following new section is inserted at the end of chapter VI after the existing section VI/4:

“Section B-VI/5**Guidance regarding training and certification for ship security officers**

1 The training should be relevant to the provisions of the ISPS Code and SOLAS Convention, as amended.*

2 On completion of training, a ship security officer should have adequate knowledge of the English language to correctly interpret and communicate messages relevant to ship or port facility security.

3 In circumstances of exceptional necessity, when a person holding a certificate of proficiency as a ship security officer is temporarily unavailable, the Administration may permit a seafarer having specific security duties and responsibilities and an understanding of the ship security plan to serve as ship security officer and to execute all duties and responsibilities of the ship security officer until the next port of call or for a period not exceeding 30 days, whichever is greater. The Company should, as soon as possible, inform the competent authorities of the next port(s) of call of the arrangements in place.”

* IMO Model Course 3.19 – Ship Security Officer may be of assistance in the preparation of courses.