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Shipping Guidance Notice – 047

**Supplement to SGN 045 - STCW Convention regulation VI/6
Mandatory minimum requirements for security-related training and instruction for
all seafarers**

**This Notice should be read in conjunction with SGN 045 and serves to provide
further guidance.**

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

References:

**International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for
Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention)**

International Ship and Port facilities Security Code (ISPS Code)

IMO STCW.7 / Circ.16

1. All crew members need to have completed security awareness training A-VI/6 para 4 and those seafarers with security duties need to undergo training as per A-VI/6 para 6.
2. Those crew members who are possession of a certificate as per A-VI/6 para 6 are not required to have a certificate as per A-VI/6 para 4.

The requirements for A-VI/6 para. 6 are in excess of that required by A-VI/6. para 4

3. Officers who are in possession of a Ship Security Officer A-VI/5 certificate will not be required to have a certificate as per A-VI/6 para 4 & A-VI/6 para 6.

The certificate requirements for SSO include all of STCW Table A-VI/5.

The requirements for SSO A-VI/5 are in excess of that required for A-VI/6 – (seafarer without designated security duties and seafarer with designated security duties).

Therefore, a seafarer qualified as SSO A-VI/5 is considered to have met the requirements of A-VI/6 par 4 & 6

4. Security training certificates issued by Administrations who have ratified the STCW 1978, as amended, will be accepted.

5. Transitional provisions stated in A-VI/6 paras. 5 & 9 apply to seafarers who commenced approved sea service before the STCW Manila Amendments came into force .
Refer SGN 045 2a & 3a

Seafarers who commenced approved sea service before the STCW Manila Amendments came into force – 01.01.2012, and can meet the requirements as described in STCW Section A-VI/6 para. 5 & 9 and have the appropriate documentary proof on board, may remain on board after 01.01.2014 until completion of their current contract on that ship.

Seafarers to whom transitional provisions apply must meet the requirements of STCW A-VI/6 para 4 & 6 before joining a ship in 2014.

Refer to SGN 045 2a & 3a

All other seafarers must meet the requirements of STCW A-VI/6 para 4 & 6 before 01.01.2014

6. Reference the provisions stated in A-VI/6 para. 5 & 9, “approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel, for a period of at least six months in total during the preceding three years”.

This refers to the three years prior to the entry into force of the Convention i.e. 3 years before 01.01.2012.

Refer SGN 045 2a(a)

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