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	DIRECTORATE GENERAL SHIPPING, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA	IS/ISO Clause 8.5.1
Ref: QMSEAC WPI- 8.5-04D- 02	Subject: Amendments to STCW 78 as amended	File No. ENG/EXAM- CIRC/25(01)/2017(Pt)
Approved by Chief Examiner of Engineers & Chief Examiner of Master and Mates	DGS Circular (NT/ENG) 04 of 2024	Date: 19.02.2024

Whereas, the Government of India signed the Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 on July 1st 1978.

Whereas the Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 entered into force on April 28th 1984. Since then, amendments thereto have been adopted.

Whereas the 1995 amendments were adopted by resolution 1 of a Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, which was convened by the International Maritime Organization and met at the Headquarters of the Organization from June 26th to July 7th 1995 (1995 STCW Conference).

Whereas Government of India has notified Merchant Shipping (Standard of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 1998 and had entered into force 01-Aug-1998.

Whereas the 2010 amendments (the Manila Amendments) to the Convention and Code were adopted by resolutions 1 and 2, respectively, by a Conference of Parties to the STCW Convention, held in Manila, Philippines, from June 21 to June 25th 2010 (2010 STCW Conference).

Whereas Government of India has notified Merchant Shipping (Standard of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014 taking into 2010 Manila amendments and has entered into force July 30th 2014.

Whereas since the inception of above Rules, many amendments to STCW 78 as amended entered into force and the same implemented on the definition of convention in Section 75A (b) of the MS Act, 1958 which defines Convention as International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended from time to time in the manner specified therein.

The 2014 amendments were adopted by resolutions MSC.373(93) and MSC.374(93). The amendments updated chapter I (General provisions) to the STCW Convention and chapter I (Standards regarding general provisions) to the STCW Code, part A, entered into force on January 1st 2016.

The 2015 amendments were adopted by resolutions MSC.396(95) and MSC.397(95). The amendments updated chapter I (General provisions), regulations I/1 and I/2, chapter V (Special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships) and introduced new section V/3 on training requirements for personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code, in the STCW Code, and entered into force on January 1st 2017.

The 2016 amendments were adopted by resolutions MSC.416(97) and MSC.417(97). The amendments updated chapters I (General provisions) and V (Special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships) of the Convention and Code, including regulations V/2 (training requirements for personnel on passenger ships) and V/4 (training requirements for masters and deck officers on ships operating in polar waters); and sections A-V/2 and A-V/4, and entered into force on July 1st 2018.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, Part VI, Section 75 to 87 D to provides legislative provisions and powers for the implementation of various requirements under the STCW Convention.

Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to STCW 78 as amended time to time (MSC.373(93), MSC.374(93), MSC.396(95), MSC.397(95), MSC.416(97) and MSC.417(97)

which is annexed to this order at "Annexure-I. As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels.

Vide this circular, the Directorate intends to issue guidance concerning the amendments which entered into force since the notification of Merchant Shipping (Standard of Training, Certification and watch keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014.

The seafarers, shipping companies, maritime training institutes and other stakeholders are therefore required to be guided by this circular and earlier circular/notices towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the Merchant Shipping (Standard of Training, Certification and watch keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014 and as amended.

This circular is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Annexure-I

Amendments	Adopted	Date of Adoption	Effective date	Amendments to the Code
	by			
2014 Amendments	MSC.373(93) & MSC.374(94)	May 22, 2014	January 1, 2016	<u>STCW Convention</u> Chapter I <u>STCW Code, Part A</u> Chapter 1
2015 Amendments	MSC.396(95) & MSC.397(95)	June 11, 2015	January 1, 2017	<u>STCW Convention</u> Chapter 1, Reg I/1, I/11 Chapter V Introduced new section V/3 <u>STCW Code, Part A</u> Chapter V Introduced new Section A-V/3
2016 Amendments	MSC.416(97) & MSC.417(97)	November 25, 2016	July 1, 2018	<u>STCW Convention</u> Chapter 1, Reg I/1, I/11 Chapter V Reg. V/2 Added Reg. V/4 <u>STCW Code, Part A</u> Chapter I Section A-I/11 & Section A-I/14 Chapter V Section A-V/2 & A-V/4
2021 Amendments	MSC.487 (103)	May 13, 2021	January 1, 2023	<u>STCW Code, Part A</u> Section A-I/1 <u>Sub-paragraph .3.1</u>