

GUIDANCE NOTE 04/2013

SECURITY RELATED TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR SEAFARERS (STCW REGULATION VI/6)

To: OWNERS, MANAGERS AND MASTERS OF CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS

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To: OWNERS, MANAGERS, AND MASTERS OF ALL CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS
(INCLUDING COMMERCIAL YACHTS) TO WHICH THE ISPS CODE APPLIES.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. On 01 January 2014, STCW Regulation VI/6 entered into force. This regulation requires all seafarers, who **do not** hold Ship Security Officer certification, serving on ships subject to the ISPS Code to have received security related training and instruction relevant to their assigned duties on-board.
- 1.2. Three levels of training are specified in the regulation, as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Security related familiarisation training;
 - 1.2.2. Security awareness training for seafarers without designated security duties; and
 - 1.2.3. Security training for seafarers with designated security duties.
- 1.3. The training and qualification requirements for Ship Security Officers remain unchanged by the entry into force of STCW VI/6.

2. SECURITY RELATED FAMILIARISATION TRAINING

- 2.1. This training is required for all seafarers serving on-board and is required to be given on joining a ship before being assigned shipboard duties.

¹ Reissued to take into account the decisions of the IMO Subcommittee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping. See Circular STCW.7/Circ.21.

- 2.2. The familiarisation training should be delivered by the Ship Security Officer and provide guidance and instruction to enable the seafarer to:
 - 2.2.1. report a security incident, including a piracy or armed robbery threat or attack;
 - 2.2.2. be familiar with the procedure to follow when they recognise a security threat; and
 - 2.2.3. be able to take part in security related emergency procedures.
- 2.3. The above familiarisation may be combined by the training required by Section 6.3, provided it is delivered prior to the seafarer being assigned shipboard duties.
- 2.4. Security familiarisation training is not required for passengers.

3. SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS WITHOUT DESIGNATED SECURITY DUTIES

- 3.1. This training need only be given once in a seafarer's career, there is no requirement for refresher or revalidation training.
- 3.2. All seafarers in the deck, engineering and catering departments of a ship must have received this training and hold a Certificate of Proficiency issued in accordance with STCW Regulation VI/6.2 and Section A-VI/6.4 of the STCW Code.
- 3.3. The training should be in accordance with IMO Model Course 3.27 "Security awareness training for all seafarers".
- 3.4. Transitional provisions are provided in Section A-VI/6.5 of the STCW Code (see below).

4. SECURITY TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS WITH DESIGNATED SECURITY DUTIES

- 4.1. This training need only be given once in a seafarer's career, there is no requirement for refresher or revalidation training.
- 4.2. This training is required for seafarers who have security duties as specified in the Ship Security Plan and includes those duties related to anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery measures.
- 4.3. Seafarers with such designated security duties must hold a Certificate of Proficiency issued in accordance with STCW Regulation VI/6.5 and Section A-VI/6.6 of the STCW Code.
- 4.4. The training should be in accordance with IMO Model Course 3.26 "Security awareness training for seafarers with designated security duties"
- 4.5. Transitional provisions are provided in Section A-VI/6.9 of the STCW Code (see below).

5. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1. Seafarers who commenced their sea service before 01 January 2012 are not required to undertake further training, provided they can demonstrate that they meet the requirements by:
 - 5.1.1. having approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel for a period of at least six months in total during the preceding five years;
 - 5.1.2. having performed security functions considered to be equivalent of the above seagoing service;
 - 5.1.3. passing an approved test; or
 - 5.1.4. successfully completing approved training.
- 5.2. Seafarers who meet the seagoing service requirements in 5.1.1 may be issued with a declaration by their employer verifying that the seafarer meets the transition provisions provided by Sections A-VI/6.5 and A-VI/6.9 of the STCW Code. The declaration issued should be in the form given in the Annex to this Shipping Notice.

6. TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS

- 6.1. From 01 July 2015, seafarers who do not meet the transitional provisions above will need to hold a Certificate of Competency issued by a recognised training establishment.
- 6.2. Training Establishments should be recognised by an Administration on the STCW "White List"². Shipping companies who are also recognised by such an Administration for the issue of Certificates of Proficiency under STCW VI/6 are also accepted as "Training Establishments".
- 6.3. The Cayman Islands Shipping Registry will not be verifying individual Training Establishments under STCW VI/6, but will accept Certificates of Proficiency issued by any Training Establishments recognised by a STCW "White List" Administration.

7. RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

- 7.1. The Cayman Islands Shipping Registry will recognise a Certificate of Proficiency issued under STCW Regulation VI/6.2 or VI/6.5 as valid for service on Cayman Islands ships, provided the Certificate of Proficiency has been issued by, or on behalf of, another Administration in accordance with the STCW Convention and Code.

² See the latest revision of IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163

Annex

**Form of declaration to recognise seagoing service for the purposes of
STCW Code Section A-VI/6.5.1 (All seafarers)**

**Issued in accordance with STCW Code Section A-VI/6.5.1
for service on Cayman Islands ships.**

Declaration number:

Details of Seafarer

Name of seafarer:

Passport or Identity Document number:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

This is to confirm that the above seafarer:

- a) Commenced their seagoing service prior to 01 January 2012;
- b) Has approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel of at least six months in the five years prior to 01 January 2014;
- c) Meets the requirements of STCW Code Section A-VI/6.5.1 for demonstrating competence for security-awareness training.

Declaration by employer:

I declare that the above seafarer is employed by the below employer and records of seagoing service have been reviewed. I also declare that the seafarer meets the transitional provisions of STCW Code Section A-VI/6.5.1 for competence in security awareness training.

Date of issue:

Signature:

Name of person signing on behalf of the employer:

Name of employer:

Signature of seafarer:

***Form of declaration to recognise seagoing service for the purposes of
STCW Code Section A-VI/6.9.1 (Seafarers with designated security duties)***

**Issued in accordance with STCW Code Section A-VI/6.9.1
for service on Cayman Islands ships**

Declaration number:

Details of Seafarer

Name of seafarer:

Passport or Identity Document number:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

This is to confirm that the above seafarer:

- a) Commenced their seagoing service prior to 01 January 2012;
- b) Has approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel with designated security duties of at least six months in the five years prior to 01 January 2014; and
- c) Meets the requirements of STCW Code Section A-VI/6.9.1 for demonstrating competence for security training for seafarers with designated security duties.

Declaration by employer:

I declare that the above seafarer is employed by the below employer and records of seagoing service have been reviewed. I also declare that the seafarer meets the transitional provisions of STCW Code Section A-VI/6.9.1 for competence for seafarers with designated security duties.

Date of issue:

Signature:

Name of person signing on behalf of the employer:

Name of employer:

Signature of seafarer: