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

Table B-I/2 of the draft amendments to the STCW Code

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SUMMARY	
<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document contains proposed amendments to draft table B-I/2 in order to harmonize the content of the mentioned table with the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention and Code
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	5
<i>High-level action :</i>	5.2
<i>Planned output:</i>	5.2.2.1
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 12
<i>Related documents:</i>	STCW/CONF.2/3, STCW/CONF.2/4 and STCW/CONF.2/5

Background

1 MSC 86 approved, in principle, the preliminary draft revised text of the STCW Convention and Code, as set out in annexes 1 to 3 to document STW 40/14 and, authorized STW 41 to finalize the draft revised text of amendments with a view to their circulation by the Secretary General for consideration by the Diplomatic Conference.

2 STW 41 approved the draft amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, as set out in annexes 1 to 3 to document STW 41/16, which are submitted under documents STCW/CONF.2/3, STCW/CONF.2/4 and STCW/CONF.2/5 to the Conference of Parties to the STCW Convention for consideration with a view to adoption.

Discussions and proposals

3 The intention of table B-I/2 is to compile and provide the various documentation requirements including the type of document, endorsement, registration and revalidation requirements, so that it can be used as a reference by various stakeholders in the shipping industry

such as seafarers, shipping companies, PSC officers and competent persons. Therefore, the content of mentioned table should not differ from the relevant provisions of the Convention and STCW Code. However, due to paucity of time during STW 41, some inconsistencies between the content of table B-I/2 and the relevant provisions of the Convention and STCW Code persist.

4 As per existing text of draft table B-I/2, 8th row, certificates issued in accordance with provisions of regulation V/2 do not require revalidation. However, regulation V/2, paragraph 3 requires that Seafarers who have completed training in “crowd management”, “crisis management and human behavior” or “passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity”, shall, at intervals not exceeding five years, undertake appropriate refresher training or be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five years. Therefore, in order to prevent problem of different interpretations and introducing inconsistency, it is proposed that a new note (as note No.4) to encompass the mentioned requirement to be inserted at bottom of table and cross reference is made in regulation V/2, under revalidation column.

5 In respect of regulation VI/1, the text under second column specifies that for Basic training documentary evidence is required to be issued. However, regulation VI/1, paragraph 2 requires that where basic training is not included in the qualification for the certificate to be issued, a certificate of proficiency shall be issued, indicating that the holder has attended the course in basic training. Therefore, to be consistent with the regulation VI/1 requirements, columns 2 to 5 of the mentioned row (regulation VI/1) should be divided into two rows, first one addresses the safety familiarization and basic instruction requirements, which is to have documentary evidence, and second row addresses basic training requirement, which is certificate of competency.

6 Provisions of regulation I/2, paragraph 14 requires that a register or registers of all certificates and endorsements for masters, officers, and, as applicable, ratings is maintained. However, the word “No” in forth column (registration column) for regulations VI/1, VI/2, VI/3, VI/4, VI/5 and VI/6 indicates that there is no requirement for maintaining registry of certificates issued in accordance with mentioned regulations. Therefore, for harmonization with provisions of regulation I/2, paragraph 14 the mentioned word “No” needs to be changed to the word “Yes”.

7 The documentation requirement for security-related familiarization training has not been addressed.

8 Since Medical first aid competence is a pre-requisite for certification as officer and master therefore, for regulation VI/4, under second column (type of certificate and brief description) a reference or text in this respect should be added, similar to rows above it.

9 Establishing continued professional competence is required by regulation I/11 from masters, officers and radio operators holding a certificate issued or recognized under any chapter of the Convention other than chapter VI. Additionally, sections A-VI/1 to A-VI/3 require that seafarers qualified in accordance with provisions of mentioned sections shall, every five years, provide evidence of having maintained the relevant required standards of competence. Therefore, note No.3 needs to be amended to encompass both regulation I/11 and sections A-VI/1 to A-VI/3 revalidation provisions.

10 Finally, as per provisions of regulation VI/6, paragraphs 2 and 5, only where security awareness training or training in designated security duties is not included in the qualification for the certificate to be issued, a certificate of proficiency shall be issued. Consequentially, it would be prudent to have a new note expressing this requirement and cross reference is made for regulation VI/6, under second column.

11 In light of aforementioned it is proposed that the draft table B-I/2 be amended as set out in the annex to this document.

Action requested of the Conference

12 The Conference is invited to consider the discussions and proposals presented in this document and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

Note: The draft table B-I/2 (STCW/CONF.2/5, Annex, pages 13 and 14) has been used as the base text. The proposed new text is shown **shaded** and proposed deleted text is shown as ~~strikethrough~~.

Table B-I/2

List of certificates or documentary evidence required under the STCW Convention

The list below identifies all certificates or documentary evidence in the Convention which authorize the holder to serve in certain functions on board ships. The certificates are subject to the requirements of regulation I/2 regarding language and their availability in original form.

The list also references the relevant regulations and the requirements for endorsement, ~~and~~ registration **and revalidation**.

Regulations	Type of certificate and brief description	Endorsement attesting recognition of a certificate ¹	Registration required ²	Revalidation of certificate ³
II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6, IV/2, VII/2	Certificate of Competency – For masters, officers and GMDSS radio operators	Yes	Yes	Yes
II/4, III/4, VII/2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings duly certified to be a part of a navigational or engine-room watch	No	Yes	No
II/5, III/5, III/7, VII/2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings duly certified as able seafarer deck, able seafarer engine or electro-technical rating	No	Yes	No
V/1-1, V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency or endorsement to a Certificate of Competency– For masters and officers on oil, and chemical or liquefied gas tankers	Yes	Yes	Yes
V/1-1, V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency or endorsement to a Certificate of Competency – For ratings on oil , and chemical or liquefied gas tankers	No	Yes	No
V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency – For masters and officers on liquefied gas tankers	Yes	Yes	Yes
V/1-2	Certificate of Proficiency – For ratings on liquefied gas tankers	No	Yes	No
V/2	Documentary evidence – Training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel serving on passenger ships	No	No	No ⁴
VI/1	Documentary evidence – Basic Safety Familiarization training or basic instruction Or, As part of the Certificate of Competency – for masters and officers	No	No	Yes No
	Certificate of Proficiency⁵ – Basic training	No	Yes	Yes

VI/2	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ – Survival craft, rescue boats and fast rescue boats Or, As part of the Certificate of Competency – For masters and officers	No	No Yes	Yes
VI/3	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ –Advanced fire fighting Or As part of the Certificate of Competency – for masters and officers	No	No Yes	Yes
VI/4	Certificate of Proficiency ⁵ – Medical first aid and medical care	No	No Yes	No
VI/5	Certificate of Proficiency –Ship security officer	No	No Yes	No
VI/6	Certificate of Proficiency ⁶ – Security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties	No	No Yes	No
	Certificate of Proficiency Documentary evidence –Security-related familiarization awareness training	No	No	No

Notes:

- 1 *Endorsement attesting recognition of certificate* means endorsement in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 7.
- 2 *Registration required* means as part of register or registers in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 14.
- 3 *Revalidation of certificate* means establishing continued professional competence in accordance with regulation I/11 or maintaining the required standards of competence in accordance with sections A-VI/1 to A-VI/3, as applicable.
- 4 As required by regulation V/2, paragraph 3 seafarers who have completed training in “crowd management”, “crisis management and human behaviour” or “passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity” shall at intervals not exceeding five years, undertake appropriate refresher training or to provide evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence within the previous five years.
- 5 The certificates of competency issued in accordance with regulations II/1, II/2, II/3, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6 and VII/2 include the proficiency requirements in “basic training”, “survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats”, “advanced fire fighting” and “medical first aid” therefore, holders of mentioned certificates of competency are not required to carry Certificates of Proficiency in respect of those competences of chapter VI.
- 6 Where security awareness training or training in designated security duties is not included in the qualification for the certificate to be issued.