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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Chapter I – General Provisions - Regulation 1/1

Submitted by the Philippines

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides comments and recommendation regarding the decision of STW 38 on the need to have new definitions on the terms identified and considered during the review process in accordance with principle .4

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: STW 38/17

Background

1 The Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping at its thirty-eighth session (20 to 25 January 2007), agreed that the proposed comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code should address new definitions of terms to address inconsistencies, interpretations, MSC instructions, clarifications already issued, outdated requirements, and technological advances in accordance with principle .4.

Discussion

2 India (STC 38/12/1), ICFTU (STW 38/12/3), Finland *et al* (STW 38/12/4) and InterManager (STW 38/12/11) proposed the inclusion of new definitions within the Convention.

3 In the context of the definition of “propulsion power”, Australia (STW 38/12/10) proposed that it should reflect the total engine makers’ maximum continuous rated power output of all the ship’s main propulsion machinery.

4 The Sub-Committee agreed that the identified terms need new definitions and any additional terms that might emanate in the process of the review.

Recommendation

5 Accordingly, the Philippines propose new definitions to the terms identified by the Sub-Committee, as set out in the annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above proposal and decide as it deems appropriate.

ANNEX

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR
(STCW) 1978, AS AMENDED**

**CHAPTER I
General Provisions**

- 1 Insert the following terms and definitions under Regulation I/1:

Regulation I/1

Definitions and Clarifications:

- .1 ***Able Seafarer Deck*** means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation II/5 of the Convention.
- .2 ***Able Seafarer Engine*** means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/5 of the Convention.
- .3 ***Cargo Engineers*** means a ship personnel qualified to perform all tasks related to cargo handling on board *LNG* or *LPG* carriers, meeting all applicable safety standards and in accordance with the best practice within the industry.
- .4 ***Electrical Officers*** means a ship personnel qualified to perform all tasks related to the maintenance and efficient operation of ship's electrical machinery and power equipment such as the ship's distribution system, alarm and monitoring system, main propulsion generators, propulsion motors, ship's service generators and emergency generators.
- .5 ***Crew*** means all ship personnel operating and serving aboard a ship and listed in the official crew list document.
- .6 ***Passenger Ship*** (as defined in SOLAS'74) is a ship which carries more than twelve passengers.
- .7 ***Ship Safety Representative*** means a ship personnel qualified to perform all tasks related to the provisions of the Code of safe Working Practices and the Company's/Operator's occupational health and safety policies.
- .8 ***Ship's propulsion power*** is the total engine makers' maximum continuous rated power output of all the ship's main propulsion machinery.
- .9 ***Electronic Officer*** means ship personnel qualified to perform all tasks related to the maintenance and efficient operation of ship's navigation instrumentation, ship control electronics and communications.
- .10 ***Certificate of Competency*** is a valid document issued by or under the authority of the Administration or recognized by the Administration authorizing the holder to serve as stated in this document or as authorized by national regulations.