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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Regulations V/2 and V/3 – Mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualification of masters, officers and ratings on passenger ships and ro-ro passenger ships

Submitted by the Philippines

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document proposes the rewriting of the mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualification of ship personnel on passenger ships and ro-ro passenger ships under sections A-V/2 and A-V/3 of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related document: STW 38/17

Background

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-third session approved the list of areas in the STCW Code identified for the comprehensive review and instructed the Sub-Committee to undertake the proposed review accordingly in a systematic and organized manner.

2 STW 38 agreed on the need to review regulations V/2 and V/3 to simplify the requirements by combining the requirements for “ro-ro passenger ships” and for “passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships”.

3 The Philippines has reviewed regulations V/2 and V/3 of the STCW Convention along with the associated mandatory training requirements in the STCW Code and agree that mandatory requirements for the training and qualification of ship personnel under sections A-V/2 and A-V/3 for passenger ships and ro-ro passenger ships, respectively are almost similar in substance and purpose except for the requirements on familiarization training which are specified for personnel in ro-ro passenger ships.

4 Furthermore, sections A-V/2 and A-V/3 covering the principles governing crowd management, crisis management and human behaviour are applicable to both passenger ships and ro-ro passenger ships and that passenger safety for both passenger ship and ro-ro passenger ship personnel are the same.

Recommendation

5 Accordingly, the Philippines propose that the regulation V/2 and V/3 of the STCW Convention are merged as set out in annex 1. Furthermore, mandatory minimum requirements under sections A-V/2 and A-V/3 of the STCW Code are merged as proposed in annex 2.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above information provided and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX 1

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO COMBINE REGULATION V/2 AND V/3 OF
THE STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED****Regulation V/2*****“Mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualifications of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on passenger ships and ro-ro passenger ships”***

1 This regulation applies to masters, officers, ratings and other personnel serving on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships engaged on international voyages. Administrations shall determine the applicability of these requirements to personnel serving ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships engaged on domestic voyages.

2 Prior to being assigned shipboard duties on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships, seafarers shall have completed the training required by paragraphs 4 to 8 below in accordance with their capacity, duties, and responsibilities.

3 Seafarers who are required to be trained in accordance with paragraphs 4, 7 and 8 below 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.

4 Masters, officers and other personnel designated on muster lists to assist passengers in emergency situations on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships shall have completed training in crowd management as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

5 Masters, officers and other personnel assigned specific duties and responsibilities on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships shall have completed familiarization training specified in Section A-V/2, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

6 Personnel providing direct service to passenger spaces on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships shall have completed the safety training specified in Section A-V/2, paragraph 3 of the STCW Code.

7 Masters, chief mates, chief engineer officers, second engineer officers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, loading, discharging or securing cargo, or closing hull openings on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships shall have completed approved training in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity as specified in Section A-V/2, paragraph 4 of the STCW Code.

8 Masters, chief mates, chief engineer officers, second engineer officers and any person having responsibility for the safety of passengers in emergency situations on board ro-ro passenger ships and passenger ships other than ro-ro passenger ships shall have completed approved training in crisis management and human behaviour as specified in Section A-V/2, paragraph 5 of the STCW Code.

9 Administrations shall ensure that documentary evidence of the training which has been completed is issued to every person found qualified under the provisions of this Regulation.

ANNEX 2

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STCW CODE SECTIONS A-V/2 AND A-V/3

The new title for the combined Sections A-V/2 and V/3 will be “***Mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualifications of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on passenger ships and ro-ro passenger ships***” and the provisions to be adapted for this combined section including the table of competences will be that of Section A-V/2 and delete the existing text of Section A-V/3.
