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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Regulation I/8 – Quality Standards Independent Evaluation

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SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document provides comments and recommendation regarding the decision of STW 38 on the need to review Regulation I/8 in order that the independent evaluation be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and not necessarily using standard applied in other industrial organization
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6
<i>Related document:</i>	STW 38/17

Background

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-third session approved the areas in the STCW Convention and 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 regulation I/8 in order that the independent evaluation is carried out in accordance with requirements of the Convention and not using standard applied in the industrial organization.

Discussion

3 There is no real problem on reference to ISO standards/procedures as adopted in a quality standards system. ISO standards are used but STCW standards are made as reference standards when assessing STCW quality standards compliance.

4 While it is agreed that independent evaluation of the Quality Standards System required under regulation I/8 shall be carried out, the specific mechanism to monitor the effective application of the Convention requirements shall be left to the Administration.

Recommendation

5 To ensure that the requirements of this regulation are uniformly understood and implemented, the STCW standards shall be a reference in the formulation of the quality standards system. A new provision will be added as paragraph 1.2 of regulation I/8 and paragraph 1.2 is renumbered as paragraph 1.3 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**

Regulation 1/8
Quality Standards

- 1 Insert the following text after the existing paragraph 1.1:

 “.2 STCW Convention and Code requirements shall be a reference in the formulation of
 the quality standards system;” and
 - 2 Renumber existing paragraph 1.2 as 1.3.
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