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

Amendments to new section B-V/e of the STCW Code

Submitted by Norway

SUMMARY

Executive summary:	This document proposes amendments to section B-V/e of the STCW Code
Strategic direction:	5.2
High-level action:	5.2.2
Planned output:	5.2.2.1
Action to be taken:	Paragraph 5
Related document:	STCW/CONF.2/5

Background

1 At STW 41, it was agreed to include guidance regarding training and qualifications of masters and officers in charge of a navigational watch on board offshore supply vessels. The new section is partly based on a proposal from Norway to include guidance on training and qualifications for masters and officers in charge of anchor handling operations.

Discussion

2 Norway in general supports the new section B-V/e, however having reviewed the text it has become apparent that paragraph 8 allows for simulator training only.

3 According to the report of the investigation into the “Bourbon Dolphin” accident, simulator training only is not considered giving sufficient qualifications. This is also the opinion of Norwegian officers experienced in anchor handling operations and in line with paragraph 6 of the new section.

Proposal

4 Based on the above, Norway proposes an amendment to section B-V/e paragraph 8 as follows (new text, ~~deleted text~~):

“8 Masters and officers in charge of a navigational watch in charge of anchor-handling should have sufficient and appropriate experience, ~~either~~ by having been supervised during a sufficient number of Rig-moves and ~~or~~ trained in a simulator.”

Action requested of the Conference

5 The Conference is invited to consider the information provided and take action as deemed appropriate.
