



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
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WORK PROGRAMME

Terms of reference for the Sub-Committee

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides the terms of reference for the Sub-Committee as agreed by the twenty-fourth session of the Maritime Safety Committee which are to be reviewed by the Sub-Committee as instructed by MSC 76

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: MSC 76/23, MSC XXIV/19

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-sixth session (2 to 13 December 2002), instructed the Sub-Committees to review and update, as necessary, their own terms of reference and to prepare updated terms of reference for consideration by MSC 78 and MEPC 50.

2 To assist the Sub-Committee to review and update its own terms of reference, the existing terms of reference as agreed by MSC XXIV is given at annex.

Action requested by the Sub-Committee

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

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STW SUB-COMMITTEE

(Extract from document MSC XXIV/19)

“The Sub-Committee shall from the stand point of safety of life and property and the protection of the environment:

- (a) lay down the basic principles to be observed in keeping a safe watch, including the minimum qualifications of the personnel involved;
- (b) study the problem of the formulation and mandatory application of minimum international standards of training and certification of mariners, in particular masters, deck officers, engineer officers and radio officers and prepare detailed proposals on this subject;
- (c) prepare the IMCO position on matters to be considered in the Joint IMCO/ILO Committee on Training or, as appropriate, in conjunction with other members of the United Nations family.

In carrying out the above-mentioned tasks the Sub-Committee should take account of the following points:

In relation to (a):

- (i) initial attention should be given to the basic principles to be observed in the keeping of a safe navigational watch. In that connexion consideration should be given to the question whether a document containing operational guidance for officers of the watch should be prepared;
- (ii) in this context the term “watch” is intended to include watch-keeping duties at sea and in port.

In relation to (b):

- (iii) initial attention should be directed to the training and qualifications of deck officers, account being taken of relevant information contained in the “Document for Guidance – 1970”, e.g. in Appendices A and B of the Document;
- (iv) the various types and levels of certificates should be kept to a minimum;
- (v) account should be taken of the provisions of existing ILO, ITU and other international instruments relating to the training, certification and qualifications of mariners;
- (vi) consideration should be given to the advantage of keeping mandatory requirements to a minimum dealing only with essential basic requirements in broad terms and supplementing them by detailed recommendations indicating training arrangements (courses, contents of syllabuses, etc.).”