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TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING  
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## FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE 1995 STCW CONFERENCE

### Draft amendments to the STCW Code

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

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| <b><i>Executive summary:</i></b>  | This document provides at annex draft amendments to the STCW Code in respect of the term “as amended in 1995” |
| <b><i>Action to be taken:</i></b> | Paragraph 5                                                                                                   |
| <b><i>Related documents:</i></b>  | MSC 75/24, MSC Circ.1032                                                                                      |

1 The Committee, at its seventy-fifth session (15 to 24 May 2002), agreed that the use of the term “STCW 95” to mean the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, had led to some confusion, as had the title of certificates and endorsements in section A-I/2 of the STCW Code where the reference was to the Convention “as amended in 1995”, whereas the Convention had also been amended subsequently in 1997 and 1998.

2 The Committee agreed to refer the issue to STW 34 for consideration and preparation of any necessary amendments to the STCW Convention or the STCW Code to clarify the issue. In the interim, the Committee approved MSC/Circ.1032 on Guidance for port State control officers on references to STCW 95 in certificates, endorsements and documentary evidence.

3 The Committee also instructed the Secretariat to remove references to “STCW 95” in the published version of the Convention when printing its next edition. The Sub-Committee may wish to note that references to the term “STCW 95” in the published version have been removed in the latest edition.

4 In order to aid the Sub-Committee’s preparation of an amendment to section A-I/2 of the STCW Code and the related guidance in part B of the Code, the Secretariat has prepared draft amendments and the related draft MSC resolution (annex 1) and a draft STCW.6 circular (annex 2) for its consideration.

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**Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

5 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposed amendments to the STCW Code and decide as appropriate.

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**ANNEX 1****DRAFT RESOLUTION MSC ...(7..)****ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING FURTHER article XII and regulation I/1.2.3 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention", concerning the procedures for amending Part A of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code,

NOTING that the Convention has, since its major amendment in 1995, been subject to further amendments in 1997 and 1998,

RECOGNIZING the need to avoid any misunderstanding with respect to the issue of certificates and endorsements including reference to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its [...] session, amendments to Part A of the STCW Code proposed and circulated in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(i) of the Convention,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the STCW Code, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article [XII(1)(a)(vii)(2)] of the Convention, that the said amendments to the STCW Code shall be deemed to have been accepted on [...], unless, prior to that date more than one third of Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping of ships of 100 gross register tons or more, have notified their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES Parties to the STCW Convention to note that, in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(ix) of the Convention, the annexed amendments to the STCW Code shall enter into force on [...] upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article XII(1)(a)(v) of the Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Parties to the Convention;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to Members of the Organization, which are not Parties to the Convention.

ANNEX

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

- 1 In section A-I/2, in paragraph 1, the phrase “in 1995” in the heading of the certificate, is deleted.
- 2 In section A-I/2, in paragraph 2, the phrase “in 1995” in the heading of the endorsement, is deleted.
- 3 In section A-I/2, paragraph 3, the phrase “in 1995” in the heading of the endorsement is deleted.

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**ANNEX 2**

**DRAFT STCW.6 Circular**

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED**

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

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its [...session (... to ...20...)] adopted amendments to part B of the STCW Code as follows:

- .1 in section B-I/2, paragraph 1, the phrase “in 1995” in the heading of the endorsement, is deleted.
  - .2 in section B-I/2, paragraph 2, paragraph 3, the phrase “in 1995” in the heading of the endorsement is deleted.
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