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REQUIREMENTS FOR KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND TRAINING FOR OFFICERS ON WIG CRAFT

Submitted by Australia

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	Proposals are made for improvement of the proposed MSC circular submitted to this session to enable this matter to be finalized
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 6
<i>Related documents:</i>	STW 35/11, STW 35/19 (section 11), STW 36/10, MSC 77/21/1, MSC 77/26 (paragraph 21.3)

1 This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 46 of the guidelines on the organization and method of work of the MSC and MEPC and their subsidiary bodies. It provides comments on the submission STW 36/10 by the Russian Federation.

2 Australia, which has a longstanding interest in this matter, would like to thank the Russian Federation for its submission STW 36/10 to which is appended a draft MSC circular as a proposed basis for the Sub-Committee to finalize this item. The proposed MSC circular is noted to be closely similar to the Australian proposals in the annex to STW 35/11. These proposals were developed co-operatively between the Russian Federation and Australia and continue to be supported by Australia.

3 It is noted that the annex to the proposed MSC circular in STW 36/10 only departs from the previous Australian proposals in that:

- .1 paragraph 3 of section 2 and paragraph 2 of section 3 have been inserted into the STW 36/10 proposals - Australia supports these insertions in-principle but suggests that the wording may be improved as shown at annex; and
- .2 the final paragraph from section 3, together with its associated table of competencies has been deleted – Australia suggests that this text should be re-instated as it provides an important tool through which to assure the uniform implementation of the proposed MSC circular.

4 In light of the jurisdictional situation in relation to type C WIG craft considered by MSC 77 (refer paragraph 21.3 of MSC 77/26), Australia also proposes deletion of the first sentence of paragraph 7 of section 2 of the STW 36/10 proposals stating “officers on type C WIG craft should have aviation base qualifications.”

5 The above-mentioned suggestions for improvement of the proposed MSC circular in STW 36/10 are detailed at annex. Australia proposes that the amended draft circular should be forwarded to MSC for approval.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the above, together with the annex, and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT “GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS ON WIG CRAFT”
(ANNEX TO STW 36/10)**

1. Delete paragraph 3 of section 2 (General requirements regarding base qualification) and replace with the following:

“The Administration may reduce the period of seagoing service on conventional ships required for obtaining a certificate of marine base qualification if the candidate is to work only on WIG Craft.”
 2. Delete first sentence of paragraph 7 of the same section 2 stating “Officers on type C WIG Craft should have aviation base qualifications.”
 3. Delete paragraph 2 of section 3 (General requirements for a special qualification taking into account the specific features of a WIG Craft) and replace with the following:

“The required period of seagoing service on a WIG Craft for the candidate to obtain the special qualification for officer on a WIG Craft should be sufficient to ensure his satisfactory performance of the safety functions on a WIG Craft and should be commensurate with aviation standards.”
 4. Insert the following as paragraph 4 of the same section 3:

“Details of these requirements, presented as an example for the officer in charge of a navigational watch for medium size WIG Craft are given in Table 3.4, which follows. The corresponding requirements for small and large WIG Craft have not yet been developed.”
 5. Append to the same section 3 as Table 3.4 the contents of Table 3.3 from STW 35/11.
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