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Review and revision of IMO model courses 1.28 and 1.29

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the progress of the review and revision of IMO model courses 1.28 and 1.29 with a view to update and incorporate the concept of “safe areas” to the curriculum

Action to be taken: Paragraph 9

Related documents: STW 36/17 and STW 37/6

1 This paper provides comments on STW 37/5 and is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 46.5 of the Guidelines on the Organization and Method of Work of the MSC and MEPC (MSC/Circ.1099).

2 The Sub-Committee at its thirty-sixth session (10 to 14 January 2005) instructed the Secretariat to revise model courses 1.28 and 1.29 to incorporate the ‘safe area’ concept.

3 The Maritime Safety Committee at its eightieth session (11 to 20 May 2005) included the review of these model courses within the revised work plan for passenger ship safety.

4 The International Council of Cruise Lines (ICCL) is an industry trade association consisting of 16 of the largest passenger cruise lines that call at major ports worldwide. ICCL is dedicated to ensuring that the cruise industry provides a safe, healthy, and secure ship environment for both passengers and crew. ICCL being a responsible industry partner, after discussions with the Secretariat, agreed to review the subject courses for updating and the addition of the concept of “safe areas” to the curriculum.

5 The ICCL Working Group is comprised of experts from our member lines representing vessels of various sizes and passenger capacities. The Working Group developed a work plan that will complete the review of the subject model training courses in three stages.

- I. Initial review for course areas to be updated.
- II. Thorough review of the courses and recommendations for updates.
- III. Determine how to incorporate the concept of “safe areas” into the courses.

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6 Step I of the work plan has been completed and the results are summarized below.

- .1 The initial review looked at the courses in general, overall, ICCL Members believe these courses are well written and major rewriting should not be necessary.
- .2 It was determined that in several areas the course content should be more focused on those members of the crew that require that particular training or knowledge. For example: the senior officers, responsible for the navigation or engineering functions of the ship do not need detailed instructions on the safety aspects of embarking and disembarking passengers, especially those with disabilities. Hotel staff crew members are tasked with those duties and their senior officers need the background for proper supervision.
- .3 It was also discovered that the courses require training in stability, trim, and stress calculations, while emergency duties are also assigned to various hotel and entertainment staff. These staff members do not require training in these subject areas as this has nothing to do with the emergency duties of the particular crew members. Crew members solely responsible for crowd control and movement need only be trained in subjects that are appropriate to those duties and responsibilities.
- .4 These types of issues will be further reviewed during Step II of the work plan.
- .5 During the initial review, members of the working group were keenly aware of the work to be completed during Step III (the “safe area” concept) and agreed that before the concept can be introduced in the model courses, a clear definition must be provided by MSC Working Group on Passenger ship safety.

7 ICCL expects to complete the review and revision of these model courses and present them to the Secretariat for review and comments of the validation panel after a clear definition for “safe area” is made available.

8 ICCL is pleased to undertake the review and revision of these model courses.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

9 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and decide as appropriate.
