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**COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF
THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE**

Comments and proposed amendments

Submitted by China

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This submission comments and proposes amendments to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code in the context of the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and Code
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 3
<i>Related documents:</i>	A.477(XII), MSC.191(79), MSC.192(79), MSC.201(81), MSC/Circ.1076, MSC/Circ.1171, STW 37/18 and MSC 81/25

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-first session endorsed the proposal to include a new item of “**Comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code**” to the work programme and agenda for STW 38.

2 China welcomes the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code to be undertaken by the STW Sub-Committee, and has conducted a preliminary review of the STCW Convention and Code. The suggested amendments are provided in the annex to this document.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

3 The Sub-Committee is invited to take into consideration the comments and proposals made in this document and take appropriate action.

ANNEX

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

STCW Convention

Chapter I

Regulation I/15

Suggested amendment: to delete the whole regulation.

Reason: this regulation is no longer valid.

Chapter IV

Regulation IV/1

Paragraph 2

Suggested amendment: to delete the whole paragraph.

Reason: this paragraph is no longer valid.

Chapter VIII

Regulation VIII/2

Subparagraph 2.2

Suggested amendment: to add after the existing subparagraph 2.2 the following sentence:

“this responsibility may also be undertaken by automatic watchkeeping.”

Reason: on ships which are equipped with GMDSS, the radio equipment can be used for automatic watchkeeping, especially on those equipped with Duplicate of Equipment (DOE), the requirement in subparagraph 2.2 can be met when radio operators can ensure maintaining the radio equipment at appropriate frequencies for automatic watchkeeping.

STCW Code

Section A I/15

Suggested amendment: to delete the whole section.

Reason: this section is no longer valid.

Section B I/15

Suggested amendment: to delete the whole section.

Reason: this section is no longer valid.

Section B-I/12

In the footnote of paragraph 37:

Suggested amendment: to add after the existing subparagraph .6 the following sentence:

“and resolution MSC.192(79) – The Revised Performance Standards for Radar Equipment”;

Suggested amendment: to add after the existing subparagraph .13 the following new subparagraph .14:

“.14 MSC.191(79) – Performance Standards for the Presentation of Navigation-related Information on Shipborne Navigational Displays”.

In the footnote of paragraph 41:

Suggested amendment: to delete subparagraph .6.

Reason: the amendment to regulation IV/7 of SOLAS adopted by resolution MSC.201(81) has deleted the original text “*or if the ship is engaged only on voyages within Inmarsat coverage, through the Inmarsat geostationary satellite service operating in the 1.6 GHz band;*” and the INMARSAT L-Band EPIRB will not be used from December 1, 2006. (MSC/Circ.1171).

Subparagraph 41.2

Suggested amendment: to replace “INMARSAT-A” by “INMARSAT-F”

Reason: according to MSC/Circ.1076 on Future withdrawal of INMARSAT-A services by INMARSAT Ltd issued in June 2003, IMSO is going to close the service of INMARSAT-A on December 31, 2007.

Section B-IV/2

Suggested amendment: to add after the existing subparagraph 12.5, 26.5, 34.5 and 42.2.2 the following sentence:

“and this responsibility may also be undertaken by automatic watchkeeping”

Reason: refer to the reason of the suggested amendment to subparagraph 2.2 of regulation VIII/2.

In the footnotes of paragraph 2, 16, 30, 38 and 46:

Suggested amendment: words “being developed” should be deleted and replaced by appropriate serial numbers of Model Courses.

Reason: these Model Courses have already been developed and published by IMO.