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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Proposal for amendments to Chapter VIII of the STCW Code

Submitted by the International Federation of Ship Masters' Associations (IFSMA)

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document intends to discuss the period of rest set down in the STCW Code Section A-VIII/1.2
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related document:</i>	MSC 81/25

1 IFSMA has received comments relating to requirements in Section A-VIII/1.2 of the STCW Code from its members.

2 IFSMA believes that the possibility to divide the period of rest into two only separate periods is valid and that this paragraph makes the Code flexible and user-friendly both for the crew and the Company.

3 However, IFSMA has received indications that in certain cases the periods have been divided into two in such a way that the second period is less than 1 hour. IFSMA is of the opinion that any period of less than 2 hours should not be defined as a period of rest.

4 While the requirements in Section A-VIII/1.2 as written today are perfectly legal, there is a need to provide a clarification as to what would be the minimum time that can be constituted as a period of rest.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

5 The Sub-Committee is invited to take the above into account when discussing the comprehensive review of the STCW Code.