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Codes, recommendations, guidelines of non-mandatory instruments

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary:	This document reports on the outcome of MSC 83 related to codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety related non-mandatory instruments
Action to be taken:	Paragraph 8
Related documents:	MSC 83/28 and MSC 82/INF.2

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-third session (3 to 12 October 2007), recalled that MSC 81 had noted the reported absence of updated information on the status of the implementation of the codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety related non-mandatory instruments relating to the work of the Committee received since the issuance of document MSC 78/INF.17 and MSC/Circ.1150.

2 The Committee also recalled that MSC 81 had requested the Secretariat to prepare a new comprehensive list of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety- and security-related non-mandatory instruments and submit it to MSC 82, for consideration with a view to referring the list to the relevant sub-committees for them to suggest instruments on which information on the status of implementation should be submitted to the Committee.

3 The Committee considered the comprehensive list prepared by the Secretariat (MSC 82/18/1 and MSC 82/INF.12) of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety- and security-related non-mandatory instruments, which had been adopted by resolutions or approved in the form of circulars.

4 The Committee noted that such a comprehensive list of non-mandatory instruments and collection of information on the implementation thereof could serve the following purposes:

- .1 enhanced awareness of available non-mandatory instruments and of their updates;
- .2 promotion of implementation of non-mandatory instruments by Member States;

- .3 provision of background material on domestic legislation; and
- .4 assistance in the identification of potential areas for technical co-operation.

5 The Committee further noted the information provided by the Secretariat on the development of a module of the IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) on safety- and security-related requirements and recommendations applicable to all ships and certain types of ships, on the basis of the ACCESS database, which was created at the Committee's request with the information contained in MSC/Circ.815. When completed, the module could also contain information on the status of implementation of non-mandatory instruments to be kept updated by the Member States using direct recording facilities. The module could also record, for each instrument, the national legislation adopted for its implementation on a voluntary basis – including the ability to upload its full text – the application criteria and the status of the instrument with regard to its amendments.

6 The Committee referred the detailed consideration of the list annexed to document MSC 82/INF.12 to the relevant sub-committees for the identification of those instruments which might be relevant in the context of the collection of information on the implementation of non-mandatory instruments, also requesting them to provide an input on potential users and requirements of the data scheme to be established.

7 In the same context, the Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare relevant extracts of the list annexed to document MSC 82/INF.12, to be updated as appropriate, for submission to the relevant bodies, as identified in the list. Accordingly, the Secretariat has prepared the extract of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety- and security-related non-mandatory instruments identified in document MSC 82/INF.12 relevant to the work of the Sub-Committee as set out in the annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

8 The Sub-Committee is invited to take the above information into account and decide as appropriate.

ANNEX

**CODES, RECOMMENDATIONS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER NON-MANDATORY
INSTRUMENTS**

NO	Instrument	Name	IMO body
1	COMSAR/Circ.33	GMDSS Coast Station Operator's Certificate (CSOC) Model Course	COMSAR/ STW
2	MSC/Circ.1161	Guidance on training for fast rescue boats launch and recovery teams and boat crews	DE/STW
3	MSC/Circ.1162	General principles and recommendations for knowledge, skills and training for officers on wing-in-ground (WIG) craft operating in both displacement and ground effect modes	DE/STW
4	A.987(24)	Guidelines on fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident	FSI/STW
5	MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.3	Guideline on the basic elements of a shipboard occupational health and safety programme	FSI/STW
6	MSC/Circ. 918	Guidance for port State control officers in respect of certificates of competency issued under the provision of the STCW convention	FSI/STW
7	MSC/Circ.1030	Guidance for port State control officers on issues related to certificates of competency	FSI/STW
8	MSC/Circ.1032	Guidance for port State control officers on references to STCW 95 in certificates, endorsements and documentary evidence	FSI/STW
9	MSC/Circ.1112	Shore leave and access to ships under the ISPS Code	MSC/STW
10	MSC/Circ.1154	Guidelines on training and certification for company security officers	MSC/STW
11	MSC.1/Circ.1188	Guidelines on the training and certification for port facility security officer	MSC/STW
12	MSC/Circ. 734	Interpretations of phrases on human performance criteria contained in SOLAS chapter II-1	SLF/STW
13	A.443(XI)	Decisions of the shipmaster with regard to maritime safety and marine environment protection	STW
14	A.772(18)	Fatigue factors in manning and safety	STW

15	A.865(20)	Minimum training requirements for personnel nominated to assist passengers in emergency situations on passenger ships	STW
16	A.891(21)	Recommendations on training of personnel on Mobile Offshore Units (MOUs)	STW
17	A.892(21)	Unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency and endorsements	STW
18	A.930(22)	Guidelines on provision of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers	STW
19	A.931(22)	Guidelines on ship owners' responsibilities in respect of contractual claims for personal injury to or death of seafarers	STW
20	A.947(23)	Human element vision, principles and goals for the Organization	STW
21	MSC/Circ.795	Clarification of regulations II/1, II/2, II/3 and II/4 of the STCW-F Convention	STW
22	MSC/Circ.853	Guidance on shipboard assessments of proficiency	STW
23	MSC/Circ.950	Guidance on arrangements between parties to allow for recognition of certificates under STCW regulation I/10	STW
24	MSC/Circ.951	Officer in charge of engineering watch and engineering watchkeeping provisions	STW
25	MSC/Circ.979	Preparation of reports pursuant to STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 2	STW
26	MSC/Circ.997	Guidance on the preparation and review of independent evaluations required by STCW regulation I/8 and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code	STW
27	MSC/Circ.1014	Guidance on fatigue mitigation and management	STW
28	MSC.1/Circ.1208	Promoting and verifying continued familiarization of GMDSS operators on board ships	STW
29	MSC.1/Circ.1235	Guidelines on security-related training and familiarization training for shipboard personnel	STW
30	MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.1	Checklist for considering human element issues by IMO bodies	STW
31	STCW.6/Circ.3	Guidance on prevention of drug and alcohol abuse	STW

32	STCW.6/Circ.4	Guidance regarding additional training for masters and chief mates of large ships and ships with unusual manoeuvring characteristics	STW
33	STCW.6/Circ.5	Amendments to Part B of the Seafarers Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code	STW
34	STCW.6/Circ.6	Amendments to Part B of the Seafarers Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code	STW
35	STCW.6/Circ.7	Amendments to Part B of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code	STW
36	STCW.6/Circ.8	International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended	STW
37	STCW.6/Circ.10	Amendments to part B of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code related to guidance on familiarization and training for seafarers serving on board ships fitted with free-fall lifeboats	STW
38	STCW.6/Circ.11	Amendments to part B of the STCW Code relating to the certificate of proficiency for ship security officer	STW
39	STCW.7/Circ. 7	Clarification of regulations I/6 and I/7 of the STCW Convention	STW
40	STCW.7/Circ. 8	Applications of provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention to Mobile Offshore Units (MOUs)	STW
41	STCW.7/Circ.10	Interim guidance on training and assessment in the operational use of electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) simulators	STW
42	STCW.7/Circ.11	Guidance to STCW parties on the application of the standard marine communication phrases as required by Section A-II/1 of the STCW Code	STW
43	STCW.7/Circ.12	Advice for port State control officers and recognized organizations on action to be taken in cases where not all seafarers carry certificates and endorsements meeting STCW 95 requirements after 1 February 2002	STW
44	STCW.7/Circ.13	Issues to be considered when integrated computer-based technologies into training and assessment of seafarers	STW
45	STCW.7/Circ.14	Guidance for masters on keeping a safe anchor watch	STW
46	STCW.7/Circ.15	Minimum data to be included in documentary evidence of training leading to the award of a certificate of competency	STW
47	STCW.8/Circ.1and Rev.1	National authorities maintaining registers of STCW Convention certificates and endorsements	STW
48	A.488(XII)	Use of the Standard Marine Navigational Vocabulary	STW/NAV

49	A.539(13)	Certification of skippers and officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over	STW/SLF
50	A.576(14)	Standards for skippers and officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels of less than 24 metres in length operating in unlimited and limited waters	STW/SLF
51	A.622(15)	Basic principles to be observed in keeping an engineering watch on board fishing vessels	STW/SLF
52	A.623(15)	Minimum requirements for certification of chief engineer officers and second engineer officers of fishing vessels powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more	STW/SLF
53	A.866(20)	Guidance to ships crews and terminal personnel for bulk carrier inspections	STW/DSC
54	A.918(22)	IMO standard marine communication phrases (Revokes A.380(X))	STW/NAV/ COMSAR
55	A.890(21)	Principles of safe manning, as amended by A.955(23)	STW/MSC
56	MSC/Circ.738	Guidelines for dynamic positioning system (DP) operator training	STW/NAV
57	MSC/Circ.900	Fraudulent certificates of competency	STW/FSI
58	MSC/Circ.1089	Guidance on recommended anti-fraud measures and forgery prevention features for seafarers' certificates	STW/FSI
59	MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.3	Framework for consideration of ergonomics and work environment	STW/FSI/NAV
60	FAO/ILO/IMO Document for Guidance	FAO/ILO/IMO Document for Guidance on Fishermen's Training and Certification (see MSC 71 /INF.3, annex and MSC 72/6/2, annex)	STW/SLF