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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW CONVENTION AND THE STCW CODE

Proposal to amend Tables A-II/1, A-II/2 and A-II/3 in the STCW Code

Submitted by Norway

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document proposes to delete the requirements for competency in celestial navigation in the relevant parts of the STCW Code and gives full support for the introduction of new competency requirements in the areas of Integrated Navigation Systems, Integrated Bridge System and Bridge Resource Management in the relevant competency tables of the STCW Code

Action to be taken: Paragraph 7

Related document: STW 38/17, section 12

Introduction

1 The Maritime Safety Committee at its eighty-second session decided, *inter alia*, that training recommendations given by performance management guidelines such as Integrated Navigation Systems, Integrated Bridge System and Bridge and Engine-room Resource Management should be included within the STCW convention.

2 The STW 38 further agreed, *inter alia*, that the comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code should also address possible outdated requirements in the Code as well as technological advances.

Discussion

3 When introducing new requirements in the STCW Convention and the STCW Code, it is of the utmost importance to identify possibly outdated elements in order to make room for the new requirements. Celestial navigation is, in our view, one of these possibly outdated requirements.

4 There are no carriage requirements for a sextant in the SOLAS convention. Taking into consideration the fact that almost all ships use either global satellite navigation systems or terrestrial radio-navigation systems as their navigation system, celestial navigation, in our view may consequently be regarded as an outdated navigational system.

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5 Norway fully supports that new competency requirements in the areas of Integrated Navigation Systems, Integrated Bridge System and Bridge Resource Management should be implemented in the competency table of the STCW-Code. Removing the requirements for celestial navigation from the competency tables makes it possible to introduce these elements without overloading the competency tables of the Code.

Conclusion

6 Based on the above, Norway proposes to delete celestial navigation from Table A-II/1 and Table A-II/2 of the STCW-Code and introduce new competency requirements in the areas: Integrated Navigation Systems, Integrated Bridge System, and Bridge Resource Management in Table A-II/1, Table A-II/2 and Table A-II/3 of the STCW Code.

Action requested by the Sub-Committee

7 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposals in paragraph 6 above and take action as deemed appropriate.
