



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Malta-The Merchant Shipping Notice on Training and Certification Requirements for Seafarers operating on Malta Flagged ships.

1. The Malta Authority has issued Merchant Shipping Notice 144 dated 22 June 2018(Copy attached) providing instructions on training and certification requirements as per STCW Convention for Seafarers operating on Malta Flagged ships as follows:
 - a) **Regulation V/2 Passenger Ships Training:**
 - i. The administration requires that masters, officers, ratings and other personnel employed must have the mandatory minimum requirements for training and certification as per STCW Code towards Familiarization, Safety, Crowd Management, Crisis Management & Human Behaviour, Passenger Safety, Cargo Safety and Hull Integrity.
 - ii. The trained seafarers are required to undertake appropriate refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years or to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five years.
 - b) **Regulation V/4 Training for seafarers engaged on ships operating in polar waters**

Basic Training:

Masters, chief mates and officers in charge of a navigational watch are required to hold a certificate in basic training as per Section A-V/4, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

Advanced Training:

Masters and chief mates are required to hold a certificate in advanced training as per Section A-V/4, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code with compliance of:

- i) Meet the requirements for certification in basic training for ships operating in polar waters; and
- ii) Have at least two months of approved seagoing service in the deck department at management level or while performing watchkeeping duties at the operational level, within polar waters or other equivalent approved seagoing service.



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Transitional provisions:

Until 1 July 2020, seafarers with approved seagoing service in polar waters prior to 1 July 2018 are required to comply:

Basic Training

- i) Have completed approved seagoing service in polar waters performing duties in the deck department at operational or management level, for a period of at least three months during the preceding five years, or
- ii) Have successfully completed a training course meeting the training guidance established by the IMO for ships operating in polar waters.

Advanced Training

- i) Have completed approved seagoing service in polar waters performing duties in the deck department at management level, for a period of at least three months during the preceding five years, or
- ii) Have successfully completed a training course meeting the training guidance established by the IMO for ships operating in polar waters and having completed approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at management level, for a period of at least two months in total during the preceding five years.

Applications for the issue of a certificate of proficiency in basic or advanced training for ships operating in polar waters are to be submitted on the appropriate form *TM/MSD/SCU 030*.

- c) **Regulation V/3 Training for Seafarers Engaged on Ships Subject to the IGF Code:**

Familiarization:

Seafarers serving on board ships are to get familiarization as specified in Regulation I/14, paragraph 1.5.

Basic Training:

Seafarers required to hold a certificate in basic training for service in accordance with provisions of section A-V/3, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

Seafarers having certificate of proficiency in basic or advanced training for liquefied gas tankers are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in section A-V/3, paragraph 1 for basic training for service on ships.

Advanced Training:

Masters, engineer officers and all personnel are required to hold a certificate in advanced training for service in accordance with provisions of section A-V/3 paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

Seafarers having certificate of proficiency in advanced training for liquefied gas tankers are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in section A-V/3, paragraph 2 for advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code, provided they also have:

- i) A certificate of proficiency in basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code;
- ii) Completed at least one month of approved seagoing service that includes a minimum of three bunkering operations on board ships subject to the IGF Code. Two of the three bunkering operations may be replaced by approved simulator training on bunkering operations; and
- iii) Completed sea going service of three months in the previous five years on board ships subject to the IGF Code, tankers carrying as cargo fuels covered by the IGF Code or ships using gases or low flashpoint fuel as fuel.

Refresher Training:

The administration requires for trained Seafarers to undertake appropriate refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years or to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five years.

Applications for the issue of a certificate of proficiency in basic or advanced training for ships subject to the IGF Code are to be submitted on the appropriate form *TM/MSD/SCU 031*.

2. The Administration requires that Original certificates are to be readily available on board as evidence that training has been completed.
3. Owners/ operators and masters of Malta flagged vessels are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. The Merchant Shipping Notice 144 dated 22 June 2018 of Malta Authority.

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