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Directive No. STCW/07

TANKER TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND ENDORSEMENT

Issued under the enabling power of the Ministerial Resolution 6/2001
and including STCW 2010 Manila Amendments

1. Introduction:

This directive provides guidance relating to training and certification for persons sailing onboard tankers.

International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended (STCW Convention or Regulations) and the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (STCW Code) requires the master, officers, ratings and appropriate persons, who are assigned cargo related duties on board tankers to be duly trained and certificated for the type of tanker on which they are serving.

In accordance with the STCW 2010 amendments, 'Tanker Familiarization' will now be known as 'Basic Tanker Training' and 'Specialized Tanker Training' courses will now be known as 'Advanced Tanker Training' courses.

A tanker firefighting competence has been added to both the 'Basic' and 'Advanced' Tanker Training courses.

2. General

A flag State endorsement will be required for a certificate of proficiency issued to officers in accordance with the STCW 2010 amendments, Regulation V/1-1 (Oil and Chemical tankers advanced training) and V/1-2 (liquefied gas tanker advanced



training).

The PMA issue a documentary proof of application to:

- all officers applying for a Bahrain flag State endorsement for compliance with for STCW (1995 amendments) Regulation V/1;
- all officers applying for a Bahrain flag State endorsement for compliance with for STCW (2010 amendments) Regulations V/1-1 and V/1-2.

A Bahrain flag State tanker endorsement will be valid for the same period as the national certificate.

3. Basic tanker training

All persons shall ensure that they have documentary evidence of compliance with the requirements of STCW (2010) Regulations V/1-1.1 and V/1-2.1. Acceptable documentary evidence of compliance is:

- Basic training in accordance with the STCW Code A-VI/1, and
- Basic tanker training certificate of proficiency issued by a country which the PMA has an STCW Memorandum of Understanding or by countries listed in the IMO-STCW white list (complying with IMO requirements).
- appropriate for the tanker type on which they have been assigned cargo duties or 3 months sea service onboard a tanker type on which they have been assigned cargo duties plus an attestation that the candidate meets the knowledge and competence as in the STCW Code A-V/1-1.1.2.

4. Advanced Tanker Training

All persons shall ensure that they have documentary evidence of compliance with the requirements of STCW Convention (2010) Regulations V/1-1.3 (oil), V/1-1.5 (chemical) or V/1-2.3 (gas). Acceptable documentary evidence of compliance is:



- Basic Tanker training certificate of proficiency issued by a country which the PMA has an STCW Memorandum of Understanding or by countries listed in the IMO-STCW white list (complying with IMO requirements)
- for the tanker type on which they have been assigned cargo duties or 3 months sea service onboard a tanker type on which they have been assigned cargo duties, and
- Advanced tanker training certificate issued by a country which the PMA has an STCW Memorandum of Understanding or by countries listed in the IMO-STCW white list (complying with IMO requirements) appropriate for the tanker type on which they have been assigned cargo duties, and
- An additional 3 months sea service on the tanker type on which they have been assigned cargo duties.

The applicant may apply for a Bahrain tanker certificate of proficiency or a Bahrain flag State endorsement of the national certificate.

5. Revalidation

For the purpose of revalidation, the PMA will accept the following as evidence of continued professional competence:

- evidence of approved seagoing service for a period of at least 12 months in the preceding 5 years; or
- evidence of having performed functions considered by the PMA to be equivalent to the required seagoing service; or
- evidence of successful completion of an approved tanker course(s); or
- evidence of completing approved seagoing service in the capacity of the certificate held, for a period of not less than 3 months in a supernumerary capacity, or lower rank in the six months immediately prior to serving in the capacity of the certificate to be revalidated.



6. Application:

When submitting an application for a Tanker Certificate of Proficiency or Bahrain Flag State Endorsement, the company shall provide the following information:

- Valid medical certificate.
- Documentary evidence satisfying the standards of competence specified in applicable STCW Code (2010). (For this purpose, any approved training shall make a clear reference to the STCW requirements).
- Documentary evidence of seagoing service, if applicable. This information (name and IMO number of ship, capacity that the applicant served, dates served) may be provided as an extract from a seaman record book, copy of certificate of discharge or letter from the Company

The completed application and supporting documentation shall be submitted to the PMA.

7. Revision history:

Revision No. 2 of the present Directive supersedes the Directive Number 7, which was published by the President of Customs and Ports on 24th October 2001.

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