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TO:

- (I) ALL OWNERS AND MASTERS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS**
  - (II) ALL MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS**
  - (III) ALL SEAFARERS HOLDING A JAMAICAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY(COC) OR A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (COP)**
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SUBJECT: Security-related training for Seafarers

References: (a) STCW section AVI/6

(b) IMO Circular STCW.7/Circ.21

(c) IMO Circular STCW.7/Circ.22

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this circular is to inform all seafarers, masters, owners and operators of Jamaican registered vessels of the application of the new security-related training requirements becoming effective from 1 July 2015.

The 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW Convention established new requirements relating to security-related training for all seafarers, regulation VI/5- Ship Security Officer (SSO) and regulation VI/6- Security-related familiarization training, security awareness training (Table A-VI/6-1) and security training for seafarers with designated security duties (Table A-VI/6-2). The new requirements entered into force on 1 January 2012.

The new mandatory security-related training requirements are:

1. Ship Security Officer (SSO) training (STCW section VI/5, Table A-VI/5)
2. Security-related familiarization training ( STCW section VI/6, paragraphs 1,2 & 3)
3. Security-awareness training (STCW section A-VI/6, Table A-VI/6-1); and
4. Security training for seafarers with designated security duties (STCW section A-VI/6)

Transitional provisions under section A-VI/6, for those seafarers who commenced an approved seagoing service prior to the date of entry into force (1 January 2012) ended on 1 January 2014.

IMO circular STCW.7/Circ.21 dated 25 February 2014, provided relaxation from the certification requirements of Security Awareness (SA) training and Security training for seafarers with Designated Security Duties (DSD) training under STCW section A-VI/6, until 1 July 2015.

**Application:**

1. All persons employed or engaged on a seagoing ship which is required to comply with Security familiarization training
2. Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code on the business of the ship as part of the ship's complement without designated security duties- Security.
3. Every seafarer who is designated to perform security duties, including anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery related activities.
4. Every seafarer who is designated to perform duties as a Ship security Officer.
5. All ships to which ISPS code is applicable.

**Levels of training:**

It is noted that the security-related training, consists of three levels of training:

- Security Awareness (SA) training
  - Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code on the business of the ship as part of the ship's complement without designated security duties.
- Security training for seafarers with Designated Security Duties (DSD).
  - Every seafarer who is designated to perform security duties, including anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery related activities
- Ship Security Officer (SSO) training.
  - Every seafarer who is designated to perform duties as a Ship security Officer

Ship Security Officer training being the highest level followed by Designated Security Duties training and Security Awareness training.

IMO recognizes that the training requirements for the higher levels of training would include the competencies of the lower levels of training. In this regard IMO Circular STCW.7/Circ.22 clarifies that seafarers holding Ship Security Officer certification should not be required to obtain Designated Security Duties and Security Awareness certificates. Similarly, seafarers holding Designated Security Duties should not be required to obtain Security awareness Certificate.

**Compliance:**

Effective 1 July 2015, all seafarers on board Jamaican registered vessels will be required to show documentary evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence for security-related training prior being assigned duties on board. As part of their application for recognition of their CoC /CoPs under STCW regulation I/10.

All seafarers applying for Certificate of proficiencies (CoP) or Certificate of Competencies (CoC) under STCW regulations, II/1, II/2, II/3, II/4, II/5, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/4, III/5, III/6, III/7 will also be required to show documentary evidence of having achieved the required standards of competence for security related training, including seafarers who are applying for revalidation of their CoP or CoC beyond 1 July 2015.

**Recognition of CoP relating to security-related training:**

Maritime Authority of Jamaica will recognize CoP for Security Awareness, seafarers with Designated Security Duties and Ship Security Officer related training issued in accordance with the STCW Convention if they are issued under the authority of the Maritime administration which is in the STCW "White list" for endorsement purposes, however for issuance of Jamaican CoP for security related training and Jamaican CoC, candidates will have to show documentary evidence of having completed security-related training from a training institute approved the Maritime Authority of Jamaica or by a training institute approved by the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA)-UK.

Please refer to attached circulars issued by IMO.

Any queries relating to this circular should be addressed the administration at the address listed below.

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