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Directive No. STCW/09

CERTIFICATION FOR "SHIP SECURITY OFFICER" (SSO)

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and including STCW 2010 Manila Amendments

1. General

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) and the associated Code (STCW Code) require persons onboard ships to which the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) apply to have appropriate security training or instructions.

This directive outlines the training, instruction and certification requirements for persons serving on Bahraini registered ships in accordance with STCW Chapter VI/5 and VI/6.

A Bahraini Flag State Endorsement (FSE) is not required for any training or instruction carried out under STCW Chapter VI/5 or VI/6.

2. Definition:

"Security Officer" means a person who has undertaken relevant training under regulation IV/6 of the Convention and is employed in that capacity by the company, accountable to the master (if he is not the master) as responsible for the security of the ship including implementation and maintenance of the ship security plan and liaison with the company security officer and port facility



security officers. Security Officer may be one of the deck officers so designated or a dedicated person specially employed for the job;

“**Certificate of Proficiency**” means a certificate, other than a Certificate of Competency issued to a seafarer, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or sea-going service in the convention have been met;

“**Documentary evidence**” means documentation, other than a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency, used to establish that the relevant requirements of the Convention have been met

3. Requirements under STCW Regulation VI/5 :

A Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) as a Ship Security Officer (SSO) will be issued to licensed officers or approved security professionals who provide evidence of:

- approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations; and
- successfully completed a recognized training course or program covering the requirements set out in STCW Section A-VI/5.

Vessels are required to have on board documentation attesting to the satisfactory training and qualifications of a properly designated SSO.

All seafarers designated as SSO, according to the Ship Security Plan, must hold a Bahraini SSO certificate / endorsement in their Seafarers Identification Record Book.



4. Mandatory Minimum Security-Related Training under STCW Regulation VI/6 :

1) Familiarization training:

All persons employed or engaged on board a Bahraini Flagged seagoing vessel that is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code on the business of that ship shall receive approved security-related familiarization training as set out in STCW Section AVI/6, paragraphs 1 to 4. It is the intent that the training be completed after a seafarer is assigned to a vessel and prior to the seafarer assuming routine duties aboard that vessel.

Security related familiarization training shall be conducted by the SSO or an equally qualified person.

2) Designated security duties:

Seafarers designated to perform security duties, including anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery, shall meet the standards of training set forth in STCW Section A-VI/6, paragraphs 6 to 8.

3) Revision History

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