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Directive No. STCW/21

**TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
SEAFARERS SAILING ON SHIPS SUBJECT TO THE (IGF) CODE**

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

1. General

The IMO Resolutions MSC.396(95) and MSC.397(95), have adopted on 11 June 2015 related amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), and STCW Code, to include new mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualifications of Masters, Officers, Ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code. These amendments are effective as from 1st January 2017, in line with the SOLAS amendments related to the IGF Code.

The Ports and Maritime Affairs (PMA) requires all applicable seafarers serving on board ships subject to the IGF Code to have a valid Certificate of Proficiency that relates to the IGF training appropriate to their assigned shipboard duties.

IGF training should satisfy the requirements specified in STCW Code A-V/3-1.

2. Definition

The IGF Code means the International Code of safety for ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels, as defined in SOLAS regulation II-1/2.29.



3. Application

The directive applies to all masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF code.

4. Basic Training

Seafarers responsible for designated safety duties associated with the care, use or in emergency response to the fuel on board ships subject to the IGF Code should hold a certificate in basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code. Safety duties in relation to fuel handling should be clearly defined in the ISM Company's Safety Management System (SMS).

Seafarers who are required to hold a certificate in basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code should have either:

- A basic IGF Training Certificate of Proficiency issued by the STCW party OR
- A Certificate of basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations in accordance with STCW A-V/1-2 paragraph 1.

5. Advanced Training

Masters, engineer officers and all personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on ships subject to the IGF Code should hold a certificate in advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

Seafarers who hold a Certificate of Proficiency for advanced training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations (STCW Regulation V/1-2.4) are considered as satisfying the requirements for IGF advanced training.

The term "person with immediate responsibility" means a person being in a decision making capacity with respect to handling of fuel addressed by the IGF Code or other fuel related operations. Apart of Master and engineer officers, the Safety Management System should clearly identify all personnel with immediate



responsibility (if any) for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on ships subject to the IGF Code

6. Endorsement of Recognition and Revalidation of Certificates of Proficiency

Endorsement of recognition is not required for Certificate of Proficiency issued under STCW Chapter V/3.

Seafarers holding the mentioned Certificates of Proficiency (basic and advanced) should, at intervals not exceeding five (5) years, undertake appropriate refresher training or be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five (5) years.

7. Exemptions

The PMA may, in respect of ships of less than 500 gross tonnage, except for passenger ships, if it considers that a ship's size and the length or character of its voyage are such as to render the application of the full requirements of this directive unreasonable or impracticable, exempt the seafarers on such a ship or class of ships from some of the requirements, bearing in mind the safety of people on board, the ship and property and the protection of the marine environment.

8. Revision History

Revision No. 1 of the present Directive is the first revision.


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