

Comprehensive Review of the STCW Convention

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Talking Points

- Issues associated with the Comprehensive Review
 - Why? What? and How? - The process
 - Status
- Amendments
- The future of the review
- Concerns

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ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE REVIEW

- STCW 38 - 2007
 - Identified 8 overarching parameters
 - Identified list of issues for consideration
- STW 39 and intersessional working group – 2008
 - Country submissions on issues
- STW 40 – 2009
 - Major decisions on issues
 - Endorsement of the preliminary text



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CHAPTER II

- Include emphasis on navigational technological advances
- Celestial navigation
- ECDIS training – Tables A-II/1, A-II/2 and A-II/3
- Visual signalling – pending decision
- Marine environment awareness – Operational level
- Bridge resource management training - Operational level
- Leadership and managerial skills – management level
- New regulation II/5 – Able Seafarer deck

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CHAPTER III

- Competence-based training
 - Removal of the 30 mos. of training
 - Watchkeeping provisions
- Harmonization of sea service requirements
- Harmonization of near coastal provisions
 - Increase kW propulsion power threshold
- Engine room resource management



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CHAPTER III (cont.)

- Marine environment awareness – Operational level
- Leadership and managerial skills – management level
- New regulation III/5 – Able Seafarer engine
- Use of simulator training to assess boiler competence for ratings
- PROPOSALS:
 - Japan – re-organize competence table A-III/1
 - Training for electro-technical officers and ratings



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CHAPTER V

- Requirements for tankers
 - 3 sets of requirements – oil, chemical and liquefied gas
 - Basic training
 - ❖ Tanker Fire-fighting course
 - Advanced training
- Requirements for passenger ships

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CHAPTER V (cont.)

■ PROPOSALS:

- Training guidance for offshore supply vessels
- Training guidance for dynamic positioning system
- Training guidance for ships operating in ice-covered waters

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CHAPTER VI

- Refresher training for areas that cannot be trained on board
 - Regulation VI/1 - Basic safety training
 - Regulation VI/2 –Survival craft, rescue boats, and fast rescue boats
 - Regulation VI/3 – Advanced fire-fighting
- Fire-fighting for tanker personnel
- Security training



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CHAPTER VII

- Able seafarer deck and engine

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CHAPTER VIII

- Fitness for duty

- Hours of rest

- ❖ 10 hrs. in any 24-hr. period or 77 hrs. in a 7- day period
 - ❖ Applicable to watchkeepers and seafarers whose duties involve designated safety, prevention of pollution and security
 - ❖ Posting of watch schedules

- Prevention of drug and alcohol abuse

- Alcohol limit – not greater than 0.05% BAC
 - Applicable to masters, officers and other seafarers performing designated safety, prevention of pollution, and security duties



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CHAPTER VIII (cont.)

- Watchkeeping arrangements and principles
 - Mandatory use of BRM and ERM principles
 - Use of ECDIS

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CHAPTER I

- Regulation I/3 – Near Coastal Voyages
 - Mandatory agreements
- Regulation I/6 – Training and Assessment
 - Guidance on distance learning and e-learning
- Regulation I/9 – Medical standards
 - 2 year - medical certificate
 - Mandatory eyesight and hearing standard
 - Guidance on assessment of physical abilities



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CHAPTER I (cont.)

- Regulation I/14 – Responsibilities of Companies
 - Requirement to ensure seafarers are duly qualified
 - Requirement to ensure that seafarers receive refresher and updating training

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FUTURE OF THE REVIEW

- INTERSESSIONAL MEETING – Sept. 2009
 - To be decided by MSC (June 2009)
- STW 41 – January 2010
- MSC 87 – June 2010
- STCW Conference – July 2010
- Entry into force – July 2012

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CONCERNS

- Requirements impose additional burden on seafarers, governments and shipowners
- New training – Not many outdated provisions
- Reduction of the established standards

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