



### Subject: News Highlight of HTW 1

The Sub-committee on Human Element, Training and Watch keeping (hereinafter 'HTW 1') held its 1<sup>st</sup> session from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2014. Having issued HTW 1 – News Flash containing information of the main and summarized outputs from the Sub-Committee, we now release HTW 1 – News Highlight as 2<sup>nd</sup> step containing further detail information of those.

#### 1. Validation of Model Training Courses (Agenda 3)

The Sub-Committee gave preliminary consideration to the draft revised model courses on Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations, Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations, Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations and Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations, GOC & ROC for GMDSS.

The draft revised Model Courses on Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations, Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations are approved. However, Model Courses on Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations and Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations could not complete due to the lack of time to debate. Therefore, Sub-Committee plans to establish a correspondence group to discuss it and report the outcome of the work of the correspondence group to HTW 2.

#### 2. Guidance on security-related training and certificates required under regulation VI/6 of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended (Agenda 5)

All Seafarers should complete the training and certificate for ship security on or after 1 Jan 2014 in accordance with revised STCW VI. But Most of the

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attendants concerns relating to the implementation of regulation STCW VI on or after effective date. For the above the reason, the group decides it as below;

1) Seafarers who had completed training and certification as ship security officer should not be required to undergo any further basic training and certification under section A-VI/6.

2) The group makes a Circular for Port State control officers to recognize the difficulties encountered in implementing section A-VI/6 and to take them into account during inspections until 1 July 2015.

### 3. Necessity for the development of guidelines for onboard ECDIS familiarization training (Agenda 5)

The Republic of Korea highlighted the current status of, and problems with, ECDIS familiarization training, and the need for developing guidelines for onboard ECDIS familiarization training as part of the effective and efficient implementation of ECDIS training.

After an in-depth discussion, the group decided not to take any further action on this proposal.

(Cause of objection)

- regulation I/14 of the STCW Convention and section 6 of the ISM Code provided a sufficient basis for companies to provide required familiarization training to seafarers;
- familiarization training was vessel-specific and could be carried out on board using training manuals provided by equipment manufacturers;
- Industry had developed guidance as best practices related to familiarization training for companies; and
- onboard ECDIS familiarization training for effective and efficient implementation of ECDIS training could be resolved by Administrations;



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## 4. Revision of guidance for Model Course Development, updating and validation process (Agenda 10)

The group makes a preliminary draft for model course amendment, development, updating and validation processes with document developed by China & United States.

The group is invited to note the progress and invite Member Governments and International Organizations to submit comments and proposals to HTW 2.

## 5. Development of a Mandatory Code for Ships Operating in Polar Water (Agenda 11)

The group agrees on reviewing Draft chapter 13 of the Polar Code and draft amendments to chapter V of the STCW Convention and Code related to training requirements for officers and crew and Ice advisor on board ships operating in polar waters.

Basic and advanced training requirements for masters and officers in charge of a navigational watch on board ships should be defined in chapter V of the STCW Convention and Code, in the Polar Code by a qualified person (ice advisor) other than a member of the crew should be considered under part B of the Polar Code and they plan to discuss it for further consideration at possible future session.

## 6. Development of the International Code of Safety for ships using gases or low flash-point fuels (IGF Code)(Agenda 17)

PPR Correspondence group has developed IGF Code and they suggested requesting the HTW Sub-Committee to develop education requirement for

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seafarers onboard ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels. The group agrees on reviewing draft amendments to chapter V of the STCW Convention and Code relating to training and certification requirements for seafarers on board ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels and interim guidance on training.

The group decided to submit the developed STCW Convention, Code and instrument to MSC 94 for its approval.

### 7. Development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan (Agenda 20)

The Norway reported on the work of the e-navigation related to the need for training requirement of seafarers..

Most of the attendants agreed that it was premature to consider, at this stage, any training requirements pending the finalization of the e-navigation Strategy Implementation Plan.

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