	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,</u> <u>GOVT. OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.:QMS - 7.0 Page 1	Subject: Issuance of combined certificate for basic safety training required as per Chapter VI, Part A of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) Code, 1978 as amended.	No.TR/Cir/6(5)/2017
	Training Circular No. 06 of 2018	Date : 21.03.2018

The STCW Code, 1978 as amended, Part A, Chapter VI deals with standards regarding emergency, occupational safety, security, and medical care and survival functions. The Section A-VI/1 of the above chapter mentions the minimum mandatory requirements for safety familiarization, basic training and instruction for all seafarers. The Item 2, Section A-VI/1, Chapter VI of the STCW Code as amended describes the basic training requirement for seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board ship on the business of that ship as part of the ship's compliment with designated safety or pollution prevention duties in the operation of ship.

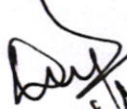
2. Basic training consists of training or instruction in personal survival techniques as set out in table A-VI/1-1, fire prevention and fire fighting as set out in table A-VI/1-2, elementary first aid as set out in table A-VI/1-3 and personal safety and social responsibility as set out in table A-VI/1-4. The above mentioned four basic courses are of short duration, independently conducted and separate completion certificate issue for each. Procedures for issuing separate certificates involved excessive paperwork, increased manpower and resources and substantially complicated the verification and monitoring of basic STCW certificates. Seafarers also found it inconvenient to carry all the certificates.

3. Schedule I of DGS Order 5 of 2016, para 4.2 clearly mentions that the four basic safety STCW courses along with Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties course shall be considered as a composite package for approvals. The maritime training institutes were finding it difficult to register batch details and upload certificate details of the candidates separately for each course.

4. The Directorate, in its endeavour to simplify the procedures and for effective control and monitoring of certificates issued to seafarers decided to issue combined certificate for the four basic courses mentioned in the above paragraph. The combined course shall be listed as "Basic STCW safety training" in the e-governance system. All the approved maritime training institutes are hereby advised to conduct the four basic safety courses as a composite course and issue single combined certificate as per the format given in annexure. "Basic STCW safety training" course as a combination of the four basic safety STCW courses shall be approved for 24 batches per class room per year. This frequency shall be applicable to all the MTIs approved for these courses.

5. It is observed that 85% of the maritime training institutes (MTI) are approved for conducting the four basic safety STCW courses and very few maritime training institutes do not conduct all the four basic safety STCW courses (PST, FPF, EFA, and PSSR). The Directorate advises the MTIs' which are not approved for conducting all the four basic safety STCW courses to seek approval for the remaining courses latest by 31-05-2018. The four basic safety STCW courses shall be removed from the list of courses in the e-governance system from 01-06-2018 and MTIs will not be able to upload batch details for these courses if conducted independently.

6. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Special Secretary to Government of India.


25 March 18

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To
All DGS approved maritime training institutes.
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