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1. The STCW Convention and Code as amended by the Manila amendments (2010) contain new requirements regarding security training to be imparted to the seafarers. This training is required by all personnel employed or engaged onboard ships to which the ISPS Code applies. These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2012, however, Port State Control Officers have been requested by IMO not to enforce this regulation until 1 January 2014 provided that the vessel otherwise complies with the ISPS code.

2. The said requirement is mainly complied by the two Courses namely Ship Security Officer [SSO] course / [SSO up-gradation course as the case may be] and Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties [STSDSD] approved by the DGS to be conducted in various Maritime Training Institutes.


3. Accordingly the Director General of Shipping has issued STCW 2010 Training Circular No. 5 of 2011 dated 27.12.2011 [further revised vide STCW training circular No. 27 of 2012 dated 04.07.12 and STCW Training Circular No. 3 of 2013 dated 03.10.2013], notifying the procedures for Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties [STSDSD] course, and similarly the Ship Security Course which has been in place in India since 2003 was revised to comply with the new STCW 2010 requirement and IMO Model course No. 3.19-Revised 2012, vide STCW 2010 training Circular No. 1 of 2013 dated 09.01.2013 and up-gradation of SSO course vide Training Circular 19 of 2013 dated 10.09.2013.

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4. Though sufficient training capacity has been created all across the country, and the seafarers are attending the above courses, it has however been represented to the Director General of Shipping that there are considerable number of seafarers currently onboard Indian flag ships around the world who have not yet attended the Security training as per the training circulars issued by the Directorate. Therefore the Director General of Shipping has vide DGS letter No TR/CIR/6 (7)/2011/818 dated 20.11.13 allowed 04 Maritime Training Institute as mentioned in the said letter to impart the security training as per above two courses, onboard ships.

5. The Director General of Shipping has again received representations from stake holders concerned for granting a grace period for complying with the provisions of STCW security training requirements before 01.01.2014, for those seafarers who are currently serving onboard Indian flag vessels, pointing out that major seafaring nations such as Panama, Philippines and Cyprus have already granted a grace period of one year.

6. Now therefore the Director General of Shipping, in view of above representations, and in continuation of DGS letter [No TR/CIR/6 (7)/2011/ 818] dated 20.11.13, grants a grace period upto 30.06.2014, for all such seafarers who have commenced the approved seagoing service onboard Indian flag ships, on or before 20.11.2013 to comply with the above mentioned security training requirements in accordance with STCW regulation VI/6 of STCW, 78 Convention, as amended in 2010.

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7. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping in accordance with the powers conferred under Rule 47 of the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 1998.


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Asstt. Director General of Shipping [Training]

To,

1. All concerned through DGS Website.
2. All Maritime Training Institutes
3. The Principal Officers, MMD, Mumbai / Chennai / Kolkata / Kochi / Kandla
4. The Shipping Master, Mumbai /Kolkata /Chennai
5. INDOS Cell, Nav Bhavan Building, Mumbai -1
6. Nautical Branch, DGS, Mumbai
7. Engineering Branch, DGS, Mumbai
8. INSA/ FOSMA/MASSA /ICCSA / MUI
9. Indian Register of shipping [IRS], Mumbai
10. Management Representative [QMS], EAC Branch, DGS
11. Computer Cell with a request to upload in the website.
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13. E-Governance Cell
14. Guard File.