

	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,</u> <u>GOVT. OF INDIA,</u> <u>MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.: QMS 7.0	Subject: Discontinuation of approval for Augmentation for FPFf course	F. No. TR/CIR/6(4)/2018
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1. The Directorate has received representations from existing Maritime Training Institutes (MTI) and new institutes which desire to seek approval for conducting maritime courses regarding the mandatory requirement of “Augmentation of FPFf” facility. Developing facility (“Augmentation of FPFf”) for practical exercise require land outside city areas, various permissions from local authorities, huge financial investment for purchase and installation of equipment. This facility is used only once in two weeks and remains idle for most of the time.

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2. The mandatory requirement of “Augmentation of FPF” facility for seeking approval for Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF) course was reviewed at the Directorate.
3. The Chapter V of STCW Convention 1978 as amended in 2010 pertains to the standards regarding special training requirements for personnel on certain types of ships. The Table A-V/1-1-1 of the STCW Code 1978 as amended in 2010 gives the specification of minimum standard of competence in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations. The Table A-V/1-2-1 of the STCW Code 1978 as amended in 2010 gives the specification of minimum standard of competence in basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations.
4. As per Table A-V/1-1-1 and Table A-V/1-2-1 of the STCW Code 1978 as amended in 2010, one of the competencies required is to carry out fire-fighting operations. Under this competence element, the knowledge, understanding and proficiency required are “Fixed fire-fighting foam system operations” and “Fixed dry chemical operations” among others. The methods for demonstrating this competence is through practical exercises and instructions conducted under approved and truly realistic training conditions.
5. It was difficult for the maritime training institutes conducting the basic courses for oil, chemical and gas familiarization to develop infrastructure to include the practical exercise. It was imperative to have infrastructure for the practical exercises at short notice owing to phenomenal increase in demand of seafarers to undertake the basic tanker familiarization courses.
6. The Directorate, therefore, through its Circular No: STCW 2010 Training Circular No. 03 of 2012, made it mandatory for all maritime training institutes conducting Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF) course to upgrade their