
	<p>SHIPS CLASSIFICATION MALAYSIA</p> <p>SCM CIRCULAR</p> <p>TO SHIPOWNERS, SHIPYARDS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND RELEVANT INTEREST PARTIES</p>			
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1. Introduction

Attention is drawn to owners and operators of vessel that are required to comply with the ISPS Code either on a voluntary or mandatory basis.

The Malaysia Marine Department has notified the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW convention pertaining to the security-related training for seafarers employed or engaged onboard Malaysia flagged vessels which is required to comply with the provisions of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code by Malaysia Shipping Notice 02/2014.

This requirements shall be come into effect on the 1st January 2014. However the Malaysia Marine Department has prescribed that the enforcement date shall be on the 1st July 2014.

2. Training Requirements

In addition to the existing Ship Security Officer (SSO) training (which is unchanged) the amendments to the STCW Convention brings in three new levels of security training:

- Security related familiarization,
- Proficiency in security awareness, and
- Proficiency in designated security duties.

These changes are embodied in STCW Regulation VI/6 and Section A-VI/6 with non-mandatory guidance Section B-VI/6.

2.1 Security Related Familiarisation

All seafarers onboard a ship shall receive security-related familiarization training before being assigned to shipboard duties. The training shall include:

- Reporting of security incident such as piracy or armed robbery threat or attack,
- Know the procedures to follow when they recognize a security threat, and
- Participate in security-related emergency and contingency procedures exercises.

Such training shall be conducted by the ship's security officer (SSO) or an equally qualified person and take into account the guidance given in STCW Code B, Section B-VI/6. Records of such familiarization shall be retained onboard to show that this training has been completed.

2.2 Proficiency in Security Awareness

Security awareness training must be undertaken by all seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on ships which are required to comply with the ISPS Code. This training must meet the competence standard given in Table A-VI/6-1 of Section A of the amended STCW Code. Seafarers who have completed such training shall hold a certificate of proficiency (COP) issued by Malaysia Marine Department approved training provider.

2.3 Proficiency in Designated Security Duties

Training in designated security duties must be undertaken by seafarers, engaged on ships which are required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code, who have designated duties under the ship security plan. This training must meet the competence standard given in Table A-VI/6-2 of Section A of the amended STCW Code. Seafarers who have completed such training shall hold a certificate of proficiency (COP) issued by Malaysia Marine Department approved training provider.

2.4 Recognition of COP From Overseas

Malaysia Marine Department will recognize COP for Security Awareness Training and Seafarer with Designated Security Duties issued by Member States which is in the STCW "white list".

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