



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Certificates of Proficiency as Ship Security Officer

To : *Shipowners, Ship Masters, Agents and Seafarers' Unions*

Summary

Shipowners, ship masters, agents and seafarers' unions are reminded that all ship security officers working on board Hong Kong registered ships are required to hold a Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) as Ship Security Officer (SSO). The criteria and procedures for initial application for the issue of a CoP as SSO are detailed in the **Annex** to this Note. Ships' officers could no longer obtain their CoP by demonstrating his/her professional competency. The fee for the issue of a CoP as SSO will be adjusted to \$155 on and after 15 January 2010. The Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 40/2007 issued on 13 November 2007 is superseded.

1. With effect from 1 January 2008, every designated Ship Security Officer on board a Hong Kong registered ship shall hold a CoP as SSO in accordance with Section 9 of the Merchant Shipping (Security of Ships and Port Facilities) Rules, Cap. 582A.
2. A Hong Kong Certificate of Competency or Hong Kong Licence holder who has been trained in an approved training institute in Hong Kong may apply to the Hong Kong Marine Department for a CoP as SSO. The certificate will be endorsed to the officer's Hong Kong Certificate of Competency or Hong Kong Licence, as appropriate. The application procedures are enclosed in the **Annex**.
3. This Administration also accepts CoPs as SSO issued by the recognized STCW Convention countries to have the same effect as those issued by Hong Kong. A list of those recognized STCW Convention countries could be found on the website at: http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnotice/stcw_hke.html.

4. This Administration may permit an uncertified seafarer having specific security duties, responsibilities and an understanding of the ship security plan to serve as SSO for a period of not more than 28 days in exceptional circumstances. The Company of the ship should seek the permission of the Hong Kong Marine Department for this temporary arrangement when it is unavoidable to do so. The Company should also inform the competent authorities of the next port(s) of call of the temporary arrangement as soon as possible.

5. All enquiries about the temporary arrangement of uncertified seafarer to work as an SSO may be directed to the Senior Surveyor of Ships / Cargo Ships Safety on telephone no.: (+852) 2852 4510; fax no.: (+852) 2545 0556; or e-mail address: ss_css@mardep.gov.hk.

6. Enquiries relating to this Note should be made to the Senior Surveyor of Ships/ Seafarers' Certification on telephone no.: (+852) 2852 4368; fax no.: (+852) 2541 6754; or e-mail address: sscrt@mardep.gov.hk.

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