



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

New Issue of Determinations for Certification Examination

To : Shipowners, Seafarers and Seafarers' Unions

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform shipowners, seafarers and seafarers' unions that new edition of Determinations for seafarers' certification examination are issued for the implementation of the STCW 2010 Amendments.

1. The STCW 2010 Amendments has entered into force on 1 January 2012 and introduced new training and certification requirements for seafarers. Marine Department (MD) has issued the following two new documents to implement the STCW 2010 Amendments:-

- a) Certificates of Competency and Licences for Deck Officers' Determinations (2012 Edition); and
- b) Certificates of Competency and Licences for Marine Engineer Officers and Electro-technical Officers Determinations (2012 Edition).

2. When compared with the Determinations of last edition issued in 2008, the two new Determinations include the following new provisions of the STCW 2010 Amendments:-

- a) addition of transitional provisions (STCW Reg. I/15);
- b) revision of examination syllabus, e.g. addition of ECDIS training for watchkeeping deck officers, bridge and engine room resource management, application of leadership and team working skills, etc. (STCW Section A-II/1, A-II/2, A-III/1 and A-III/2);

- c) addition of workshop training for watchkeeping engineers (STCW Reg. III/1);
- d) addition of requirements for electro-technical officer (STCW Reg. III/6);
- e) revision for dangerous cargo endorsement for tanker operation (STCW Reg. V/1-1 and V/1-2); and
- f) addition of training requirements such as security-related training (STCW Reg. VI/6).

3. The above two new Determinations have been uploaded to MD's web site (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/exam.html) for candidates' information. If candidates who commenced training programme before 1 July 2013 cannot meet the training requirements of the Determinations (2012 Edition) but can meet the training requirements of Determinations (2008 Edition), they may apply to sit for the examinations conducted in accordance with the Determinations of the 2008 Edition. If candidates pass the examination under the Determinations (2008 Edition), the certificates of competency issued will be valid until 1 January 2017. Holders of such certificates are required to meet the certification requirements under the Determinations of 2012 Edition before their certificates can be revalidated for extension beyond 1 January 2017.

4. 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: sscr@mardep.gov.hk.

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