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TO : **ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs) AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT: : **SUPPLEMENTAL TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR:**

- **REFRESHER COURSE ON BASIC TRAINING FOR SERVICE ON SHIPS SUBJECT TO THE IGF CODE; AND,**
- **REFRESHER COURSE ON ADVANCED TRAINING FOR SERVICE ON SHIPS SUBJECT TO THE IGF CODE**

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Paragraph 12 of Regulation V/3 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended requires that "Seafarers holding Certificate of Proficiency in accordance with paragraph 4 or 7 thereof shall at intervals not exceeding five (5) years, undertake **appropriate refresher training**...xxx".

In view thereof, Memorandum Circular SC No. 2021-05, entitled, "*Revised Rules and Mandatory Minimum Requirements in the Issuance and Revalidation of Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for Seafarers Serving on Tanker Ships, Ships Subject to the IGF Code and Ships Operating in Polar Waters under Chapter V of the STCW Convention, 1978, amended*" was issued. **Section 17** of the said Circular requires that seafarers applying for **revalidation** of COP in Basic or Advanced Training for Service on Ships subject to the IGF Code shall comply with the specific requirements, as follows:

- completed **Refresher Course** in Basic or Advanced Training for Service on Ships subject to the IGF Code, as appropriate; and,
- evidence of meeting the standards of Medical Fitness specified in Section A-I/9 of the STCW Code.

In compliance with the above provisions, the training standards for **Refresher Courses on Basic and Advanced Training for Ships Subject to the IGF Code** have been developed to ensure that the existing masters, officers, ratings and other personnel who are holders of COP for service on such ships shall be able to meet and maintain the required standards of competence.

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Further, pursuant to Section 9 of Memorandum Circular SC-2022-05 entitled "*Standards for Mandatory Training Courses under STCW Convention, 1978, as amended*", this Supplemental Technical Guidance is hereby issued for the implementation of the above-mentioned newly developed training standards, to wit:

- i. The respective course plans (Parts A to E) shall be the approved minimum training standards for both of the aforementioned Refresher Courses. Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) applying for Course Approval to offer the said courses shall meet and comply with these standards and the requirements as provided under MC No. SC-2021-09 or its subsequent revision;
- ii. The herein newly developed training standards have been uploaded to the STCW official website under Annex II of MARINA Circular No. SC 2022-05, for reference of the MTIs who intends to offer the above-mentioned refresher courses.

This Supplemental Technical Guidance shall take effect after its publication in the Official MARINA Website.

For compliance.


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