



**Ministerial Resolution No.1480**

**Dated on 13 November 2017**

REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING  
FOR SEAFARERS, 1978 AS AMENDED

**The Minister of Transport:**

- By virtue of Legislative Decree No. 154 issued in the year 1961 including the duties and authorities of the General Directorate of Ports.
- By virtue of Legislative Decree No. 93 issued in the year 1974 regarding the formation of the Ministry of Transport.
- By virtue of Law No. 14 issued in the year 2000 regarding the joining of the Syrian Arab Republic to the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers ( STCW ), 1978 as amended.
- By virtue of Law No. 34 dated on 31/10/2017 .
- And by virtue of the suggestion of the General Directorate of Ports.

**Decides the following:**

INTERPRETATION

**Article 1**

The following Definitions apply in this resolution.

“**The Ministry**” means the Ministry of Transport.

“**The Minister**” means the Minister of Transport.

“**Directorate**” means the General Directorate of Ports (the Competent Maritime Authority).

“**General Director**” means the General Director of Ports.

“**Organization**” means the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

“**Secretary-General**” means the Secretary-General of the Organization.

“**Convention** ” means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended

“**STCW Code**” means the Seafarers’ Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code as adopted by the 1995 Conference resolution 2, as it may be amended.

“**Regulations**” mean regulations contained in the annex to the Convention.

“**approved**” means approved by the General Director.

“**Party**” means a State for which the Convention has entered into force.

“**Seagoing ship**” means a ship other than those, which navigate exclusively in inland waters or in waters within, or closely adjacent to, sheltered waters or areas where port regulations apply.

“**Seafarer**” means any person who is employed or engaged or works in any capacity on board a ship.

“**Master**” means the person having command of a ship.

“**Officer**” means a member of the crew, other than the master, designated as such Syrian law or resolutions or, in the absence of such designation, by collective agreement or custom.

“**Deck Officer**” means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter II of the Convention.

“**Chief Mate**” means the officer next in rank to the master and upon whom the command of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master.

“**Radio regulations**” means the radio regulations annexed to the recent International Telecommunication Convention in force.

“**Radio Duties**” include watchkeeping and technical maintenance and repairs conducted in accordance with the relevant Regulations mention in this resolution, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 ,as amended, and at the discretion of General Director, the relevant recommendations of the Organization.

“**Radio Operator**” means a person holding an appropriate certificate issued or recognized by the General Director;

“**GMDSS radio Operator**” means a person who is qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter IV of the Convention.

“**Rating**” means a member of the ship’s crew other than the master or an officer.

“**Able seafarer deck**” a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation II/5 of the Convention.

“**Able seafarer engine**” a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/5 of the Convention.

“**Engineer Officer**” means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulations III/1, III/2, III/3 of the Convention.

“**Chief engineer officer**” means the senior engineer officer responsible for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship.

“**Second Engineer Officer**” means the engineer officer next in rank to the chief engineer officer and upon whom the responsibility for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the chief engineer officer.

“**Assistant Engineer Officer**” means a person under training to become an engineer officer and designated as such by Syrian law or regulations.

“**Electro-technical officer**” means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/6 of the Convention.

“**Electro-technical rating**” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/7 of the Convention.

“**Certificate**” means a valid document, by whatever name it may be known, issued by or under the authority of the Directorate or recognized by the Directorate authorizing the holder to serve as state in this document.

“**Certificate Of Competency**” means a certificate issued and endorsed for masters, officers and GMDSS radio operators in accordance with the provisions of chapters II, III, IV or VII of

Convention annex and entitling the lawful holder thereof to serve in the capacity and perform the functions involved at the level of responsibility specified therein.

“**Certificate of Proficiency**” means a certificate, other than a certificate of competency issued to a seafarer, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or seagoing service in the Convention have been met.

“**Documentary Evidence**” means documentation, other than a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency, used to establish that the relevant requirements of the Convention have been met.

“**ISPS Code**” means the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code adopted on 12 December 2002, by resolution 2 of the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as may be amended by the Organization.

“**Security Duties**” include all security tasks and duties on board ships as defined by chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 1974, as amended) and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.

“**Ship Security Officer**” means the person on board the ship, accountable to the master, designated by the Company as responsible for the security of the ship including implementation and maintenance of the ship security plan and liaison with the Company security officer and port facility security officers.

“**Seagoing service**” means service on board a ship relevant to the issue or revalidation of a certificate or other qualification.

“**Month**” means a calendar month or 30 days made up of periods of less than one month.

“**White List**” means a list issued by the organization including all the countries which are parties to this Convention, and which have applied all the rules and regulations of the Convention.

“**Approved Training Program**” means a training program, given by a recognized institution and forming an integral part of the requirements for obtaining a certificate or an endorsement.

“**The Recognized institution**” means any maritime training institution, which executes approved training courses and approved training programs for purpose of giving candidate the training necessary to obtain a training certificate, a certificate of competency, certificate of proficiency or an endorsement issued or required under this resolution.

“**The Function**” means a group of tasks, duties and responsibilities, as specified in the STCW Code, necessary for ship operation, safety of life at sea or protection of the marine environment.

“**International Voyage**” means a voyage from a country to a port outside that country, or conversely.

“**Near Coastal Voyage**” means a voyage during which the ship engaged on is always in 25 of nautical miles from the shore in water contiguous to Syria.

“**Company**” means the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship from the ship owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed on the company by this resolution.

“**Propulsion Power**” means the total maximum continuous rated output power, in kilowatts, of all the ship’s main propulsion machinery which appears on the ship’s certificate of registry.

“**Oil Tanker**” means a ship constructed and used for the carriage of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk.

“**Chemical Tanker**” means a ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the International Bulk Chemical Code.

“**Liquefied Gas Tanker**” means a ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquefied gas or other product listed in chapter 19 of the International Gas Carrier Code.

“**Passenger Ship**” means a ship as defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

“**Ro-Ro Passenger Ship**” means a passenger ship with ro-ro cargo spaces or special category spaces as defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

“**Fishing Ship**” means a ship used for catching fish, whales, seals, walrus or other living resources of the sea.

“**Standard of competence**” means the level of proficiency to be achieved for the proper performance of functions on board ship in accordance with the internationally agreed criteria as set forth in STCW code and incorporating prescribed standards or levels of knowledge, understanding and demonstrated skill;

“**Management level**” means the level of responsibility associated with:

- serving as master, chief mate, chief engineer officer or second engineer officer on board a seagoing ship, and
- ensuring that all functions within the designated area of responsibility are properly performed.

“**Operational level**” means the level of responsibility associated with:

- serving as officer in charge of a navigational or engineering watch or as designated duty engineer for periodically unmanned machinery spaces or as radio operator on board a seagoing ship, and
- maintaining direct control over the performance of all functions within the designated area of responsibility in accordance with proper procedures and under the direction of an individual serving in the management level for that area of responsibility.

“**Support Level**” means the level of responsibility associated with performing assigned tasks, duties or responsibilities on board a seagoing ship under the direction of an individual serving in the operational or management level.

“**Watch**” means

- (a) in respect of a ship, that part of the complement that is required for the purpose of attending to the navigation, communications, machinery and security of the ship, including the master; and
- (b) in respect of a member of the complement, the period during which the member is required to be on call or the physical presence of the member is required
  - i. on the bridge or deck, in the case of the master, a deck officer or a deck rating, or
  - ii. in the engine room, in the case of an engineer or engine-room rating

“**Radio Watch**” means the period during which a member of the complement is required to be at the ship station and in charge of communications in accordance to the articles 92 & 95 of this resolution.

“**Candidate**” means a person who applies to obtain, renew or replace a certificate or an endorsement issued under Part 1.

“**Administration**” means

- (c) in respect of a Syrian ship, the directorate; and
- (d) in respect of a foreign ship, the administration of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly.

## APPLICATION

### **Article 2**

In this resolution,

- (a) Part 1 applies to candidates for a certificate of competency, a certificate of proficiency, an endorsement, and medical certificate; and
- (b) Part 2 applies in respect of Syrian ships and in respect of foreign ship in Syrian waters.
- (c) Part 3 consist of:
  - 1) Division 1 applies in respect of Communication of Information.
  - 2) Division 2 applies in respect of quality standards.
  - 3) Division 3 applies in respect of recognized institution.
- This resolution does not apply in respect of
  - 1. War ships, naval auxiliaries or other ships owned or operated by a State and engaged only on governmental non-commercial service;
  - 2. Fishing ships;
  - 3. pleasure yachts not engaged in trade; or
  - 4. Wooden ships of primitive build.

## Part 1

### CERTIFICATION

#### CERTIFICATES

### **Article 3**

The General Director issues the following certificates:

<i>Certificate of competency</i>	<b>STSW Regulations</b>
1. Officer in charge of a navigational watch	Regulation II/1
2. Chief Mate on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more	Regulation II/2
3. Chief Mate on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage;	Regulation II/2
4. Master on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more;	Regulation II/2
5. Master on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage;	Regulation II/2
6. Coastal Officer in charge of a navigational watch;	Regulation II/3
7. Coastal Master;	Regulation II/3
8. <i>officer in charge of an engineering watch</i>	Regulation III/1
9. <i>Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kw propulsion power or more;</i>	Regulation III/2
10. <i>Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power;</i>	Regulation III/3
11. <i>Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kw propulsion power or more;</i>	Regulation III/2
12. <i>Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power;</i>	Regulation III/3

13. <i>Electro-Technical Officer;</i>	Regulation III/6
14. <i>GMDSS General Operator</i>	Regulation IV/2
15. <i>GMDSS Restricted Operator</i>	Regulation IV/2

<i>Certificate of proficiency</i>	<b>STSW Regulations</b>
a. Rating forming part of a navigational watch	Regulation II/4
b. Able seafarer deck	Regulation II/5
c. Rating forming part of an engine-room watch	Regulation III/4
d. Able Seafarer engine	Regulation III/5
e. Electro-Technical Rating	Regulation III/7
f. Basic training	Regulation VI/1
g. proficiency in survival craft rescue boats other than fast rescue boats	Regulation VI/2
h. proficiency in fast rescue boats	Regulation VI/2
i. advanced fire fighting	Regulation VI/3
g. medical first aid	Regulation VI/4
k. medical care	Regulation VI/4
l. ship security officer	Regulation VI/5
m. Security awareness training	Regulation VI/6
n. Security training for seafarers with designated security duties	Regulation VI/6
o. basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations	Regulation V/1-1 Paragraph 2
p. advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations	Regulation V/1-1 Paragraph 4
q. advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations	Regulation V/1-1 Paragraph 6
r. basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations	Regulation V/1-2 Paragraph 2
s. advanced training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations	Regulation V/1-2 Paragraph 4

- Where “basic training”, “survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats”, “advanced fire fighting”, “medical first aid”, “medical care”, “security awareness training” or “training in designated security duties” is included in the qualification for the certificate to be issued, seafarers are not required to carry Certificates of Proficiency in respect of those competences of chapter VI of the Convention.

#### **Article 4**

- (1) The General Director authenticates the certificates and documentary evidence which are issued by the recognized institution.
- (2) The recognized institution awards:

- (a) certificates for seafarers on the passenger ship:
  - a. certificate in crowd management;
  - b. certificate in safety training;
  - c. certificate in crisis management and human behavior;
  - d. certificate in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity.
- (b) documentary evidence set out in articles /19 &26 & 34/ of this resolution.

**Article 5**

The certificates set out in article.3 and article.4 are issued for a period of five years in Arabic and English languages.

APPROVED TRAINING COURSES AND PROGRAMMES

**Article 6**

The Directorate approves the training courses and programmes in accordance with the relevant IMO Model Courses published by International Maritime Organization and ensures that the detailed learning objectives recommended therein section A of the STCW code are suitably covered.

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT

**Article 7**

1. The Directorate ensures that the training and assessment of seafarers, as required under the Convention, are administered, supervised and monitored in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code; and
2. The Directorate ensures that those responsible for the training and assessment of competence of seafarers, as required under the Convention, are appropriately qualified in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code for the type and level of training or assessment involved.

EXAMINATION

EXAMINATION COMMITTEES

**Article 8**

(a) **Main Committee shall consist of:**

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|--|-----------------|
| • General Director                             | <i>chairman</i> |
| • Maritime Inspection Manager                  | <i>member</i>   |
| • Head of Maritime Qualifying Department       | <i>member</i>   |
| • Master                                       | <i>member</i>   |
| • chief engineer officer                       | <i>member</i>   |
| • representative of the recognized institution | <i>member</i>   |

The head of the Committee has the right to ask any suitable one to assist him to complete the Committee s duties.

(b) **Technical Committees: any technical committee shall consist of:**

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| • Maritime Inspection Manager  | <i>chairman</i> |
| • Head of Maritime Qualifying Department   | <i>member</i>   |
| • representative of the recognized institution   | <i>member</i>   |
| • master <b>or</b> officer at management level, as appropriate                                     | <i>member</i>   |
| • representative of the technical and communication<br>Ministry for GOC and ROC certificates only. | <i>member</i>   |

The head of the Committees has the right to ask any suitable one to assist him to complete the Committee s duties.

(c) **Administrative Committee shall consist of:**

- head of Maritime Qualifying Department *chairman*
- Head of engineer officers Qualifying section *member*
- Head of masters and deck officers Qualifying section *member*
- Head of ratings Qualifying section *member*
- Head of Examination section *member*

The head of the Committee has the right to ask any suitable one to assist him to complete the Committee's duties.

## DUTIES OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEES

### **Article 9**

#### **(a) The Main Committee:**

1. Supervising on the technical and administrative committees' affairs;
2. Checking the application forms of candidates and make decision for completing the requirements for sitting to examinations, or renew the validity of certificates of competency;
3. Setting the dates of the examinations of the certificates of competency, and issuing the examinations timetables for all certificates;
4. Suggesting the examinational courses in accordance with the standard syllabuses, the Convention memorandum and its amendments, putting down the maximum and maximum marks for each course;
5. Suggesting the rules and instructions for the examination process;
6. Issuing decisions of banning a candidate from sitting for an exam if it has been proved that he has given any incorrect information in his application form for the examination, or his request to renew the validity date of his certificates of competency, for the period not exceeding one year;
7. Decide on requests for appeal and objections submitted by candidates to obtain certification;
8. apply the exemption from some subjects examination to whom that the candidate has been studying before in universities or maritime institutes;
9. Adoption of Amendments to examinations' regulations in accordance with international developments and discussing all examinations issues which have not been mentioned in this resolution;

#### **(b) Technical Committees**

- a. Proceeding the Oral and Practical examination to issue the certificate of competency for seafarers;
- b. Limiting the examinations' questions for each certificate;
- c. Correcting the examinations papers and preparing reports for final results, then to authenticate by the general director.

#### **(c) Administrative Committee**

1. Preparing the necessary ads for the starting date of the examinations;
2. Receipt the application forms of the candidates, and studying them initially;
3. Accepting the applications for renewal of certificates and studding them and prepare the necessary reports for that;



4. Submitting the necessary requirements of the examinations;
5. Checking the examinations papers before and after the exam;
6. Supervising the examinations' process.

APPLICATION TO BE EXAMINED  
INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AND REQUIRED DECLARATIONS

**Article 10**

1. Information on the candidate:
  - (a) Full Name;
  - (b) date of birth;
  - (c) home address and telephone number;
  - (d) Nationality.
2. Certificate applied for.
3. Examination the candidate wishes to undertake.
4. The following declaration signed and dated by the candidate:

“I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the particulars contained in this application are correct and that the supporting documents and testimonials submitted along with it are true and genuine documents signed by the persons whose names appear on them.”
5. The main committee certifies that the above particulars are correct and that the candidate has produced all necessary documents and testimonials in support of this application.”

APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION AND ELIGIBILITY

**Article 11**

- (1) unless otherwise indicated in this resolution, an candidate for a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency issued under this resolution shall:
  - i. be at least 18 years of age on the day on which they receive the certificate; and
  - ii. have started to acquire the sea service required to obtain the certificate after having reached 16 years of age.
- (2) A candidate shall provide the following to the directorate, at least one week before the first of the examinations referred to in this resolution that the candidate seeks to take:
  - (a) a signed application containing the information and declarations set out in article.10;
  - (b) the applicant's birth certificate or equivalent;
  - (c) all of the discharge books and any certificates of discharge in respect of the qualifying service required for the certificate sought;
  - (d) any pertinent certificate held by the candidate, including certificates issued by an Administration, other than the directorate, recognized by the IMO as being compliant with the STCW Convention.
- (3) An application made under this resolution for an examination in respect of the issuance, exchange or renewal of a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency remains valid for a period of one year after the day on which the Directorate receives the application
- (4) A candidate who, as part of an approved training program, is required to maintain and complete a training record book while on board a ship shall, in order to have that training recognized, present to the Directorate the completed book, evaluated as being satisfactory by the recognized institution responsible for that program.
- (5) A candidate, in order to be eligible for an examination, shall pay the applicable fees.

- (6) Before a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency is issued to a candidate,
- (a) the candidate shall successfully pass the examinations related to certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency; and
  - (b) the candidate shall provide the Directorate with a medical certificate that is in effect and that was issued in respect of the candidate in accordance with Article.62 attesting to the candidate's fitness to
    - i. perform the duties to which the certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency relates, and
    - ii. make the voyages that the certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency authorizes.

MASTERS AND DECK OFFICER

*Officer in charge of a navigational watch (Regulation II/1)*

**Article 12**

The candidate for certification as Officer in charge of a navigational watch shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as part of an approved training programme which includes onboard training that meets the requirements of section A-II/1 of the STCW Code and is documented in an approved training record, or otherwise have approved seagoing service of not less than 36 months;
3. have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of the master or a qualified officer for a period of not less than six months;
4. meet the applicable requirements of the regulations in chapter IV, as appropriate, for performing designated radio duties in accordance with the Radio Regulations;
5. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/1 of the STCW Code;
6. meet the standards of competence specified in section A-VI/1, paragraph 2, section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4, section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4 and section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code.

*Chief Mate on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more (Regulation II/2)*

**Article 13**

The candidate for certification as Chief Mate on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of a navigational watch (Reg II/1);
1. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/2 of the STCW Code for masters and chief mates on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more; and
2. have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as Officer in charge of a navigational watch;

*Chief Mate on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage (Regulation II/2)*

**Article 14**

The candidate for certification as Chief Mate on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of a navigational watch (Reg II/1);

2. have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/2 of the STCW Code for masters and chief mates on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage;

*Master on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more (Regulation II/2)*

**Article 15**

The candidate for certification as Master on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of a navigational watch (Reg II/1);
2. have approved sea going service in not less than 36 months as Officer in charge of a navigational watch, however, this period may be reduced to not less than 24 months if not less than 12 months of such seagoing service has been served as chief mate; and
3. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/2 of the STCW Code for masters and chief mates on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more.

*Master on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage*

**Article 16**

The candidate for certification as Master on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of a navigational watch (Reg II/1);
2. have approved sea going service not less than 36 months as Officer in charge of a navigational watch, however, this period may be reduced to not less than 24 months if not less than 12 months of such seagoing service has been served as chief mate; and
3. have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/2 of the STCW Code for masters and chief mates on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage;

*Coastal Officer in charge of a navigational watch (Regulation II/3)*

**Article 17**

The candidate for certification as Officer in charge of a navigational watch on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near-coastal voyages shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have completed approved seagoing service in the deck department of not less than 36 months;
3. meet the applicable requirements of the regulations in chapter IV, as appropriate, for performing designated radio duties in accordance with the Radio Regulations;
4. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near-coastal voyages; and
5. meet the standards of competence specified in section A-VI/1, paragraph 2, section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4, section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4 and section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code

*Coastal Master (Regulation II/3)*

**Article 18**

The candidate for certification as Master on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near-coastal voyages shall:

1. Be not less than 20 years of age;
2. have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as officer in charge of a navigational watch;
3. Have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for masters on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near-coastal voyages; and
4. meet the standards of competence specified in section A-VI/1, paragraph 2, section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4, section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4 and section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code

*Additional qualifications for master and deck officers*

**Article 19**

All candidates will be required to produce documentary evidence of having obtained certain additional qualifications before they will be considered as having qualified for the issue of certificates of competency; the additional qualifications specified for each grade of certificate are set out in following Table.

Additional Training Requirements		Certificate (STCW Regulations)			
		II/1	II/2	II/3	STCW Code Ref
Basic training	Personal survival techniques	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-1
	fire prevention and fire fighting	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-2
	Elementary first aid	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-3
	Personal safety and social responsibilities	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-4
proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats		✓	✓	✓	A-VI/2
Advanced fire fighting		✓	✓	✓	A-VI/3
Medical first aid		✓		✓	A-VI/4-1
medical care		✓	✓	✓	A-VI/4-2
security-awareness training		✓	✓	✓	A-VI/6
Security training for seafarers with designated security duties		✓	✓	✓	A-VI/6
GMDSS GOC		✓	✓		A-IV/2
GMDSS ROC				✓	A-IV/2
ECDIS		✓	✓	✓	A-II/1
Radar and ARPA on operational level		✓		✓	A-II/1
Radar and ARPA on management level			✓	✓	A-II/2

ENGINEERING OFFICER

*Officer in charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned engine-room (Regulation III/1)*

**Article 20**

The candidate for certification as Officer in charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned engine-room on a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have completed combined workshop skill training and an approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as part of an approved training program which includes on board training that meets the requirements of section A-III/1 of the STCW Code and is documented in an approved training record book, or otherwise have completed combined workshop skill training and an approved seagoing service of not less than 36 months of which not less than 30 months shall be seagoing service in the engine department;
3. have performed, during the required seagoing service, engine-room watchkeeping duties under the supervision of the chief engineer officer or a qualified engineer officer for a period of not less than six months;
4. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/1 of the STCW Code; and
5. meet the standards of competence specified in section A-VI/1, paragraph 2, section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4, section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4 and section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code.

*Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by  
main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW propulsion power or more (Regulation III/2)*

#### **Article 21**

The candidate for certification as Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW propulsion power or more shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of an engineering watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned engine-room on a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more;
2. have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as qualified engineer officer; and
3. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code;

*Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion  
machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power (Regulation III/3)*

#### **Article 22**

The candidate for certification as Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of an engineering watch;
2. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/3 of the STCW Code; and
3. have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as engineering officer or assistant engineer officer;

*Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by  
main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW propulsion power or more (Regulation III/2)*

#### **Article 23**

The candidate for certification as Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW propulsion power or more shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of an engineering watch on seagoing ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more;
2. have approved seagoing service of not less than 36 months as Officer in charge an Engineering Watch; however, this period may be reduced to not less than 24 months if not less than 12 months of such seagoing service has been served as second engineer officer; and
3. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code;

*Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by  
main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW (Regulation III/3)*

#### **Article 24**

The candidate for certification as Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW shall:

1. meet the requirements for certification as an officer in charge of an engineering watch;
2. have not less than 24 months of approved seagoing service of which not less than 12 months shall be served while qualified to serve as second engineer officer; and
3. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/3 of the STCW Code;

*Electro-Technical Officer (Regulation III/6)*

#### **Article 25**

The candidate for certification as Electro-Technical Officer shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have completed not less than 12 months of combined workshop skills training and approved seagoing service of which not less than six months will be seagoing service as part of an approved training programme which meets the requirements of section A-III/6 of the STCW Code and is documented in an approved training record book, or otherwise not less than 36 months of combined workshop skills training and approved seagoing service of which not less than 30 months will be seagoing service in the engine department;
3. have completed approved education and training and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/6 of the STCW Code; and
4. meet the standards of competence specified in section A-VI/1, paragraph 2, section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4, section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4 and section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code.

*Additional qualifications for engineer officers and Electro-Technical Officer*

#### **Article 26**

All candidates will be required to produce documentary evidence of having obtained certain additional qualifications before they will be considered as having qualified for the issue of certificates of competency; the additional qualifications specified for each grade of certificate are set out in following Table.

Additional Training Requirements	Certificate (STCW Regulations)
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		III/1	III/2	III/3	III/6	STCW Code Ref
Basic training	Personal survival techniques	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-1
	fire prevention and fire fighting	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-2
	Elementary first aid	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-3
	Personal safety and social responsibilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-4
proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats		✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/2
Advanced fire fighting		✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/3
Medical first aid		✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/4-1
Security training for seafarers with designated security duties		✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/6

## GMDSS RADIO OPERATOR

### *GMDSS General Operator (Regulation IV/2)*

#### **Article 27**

The candidate for certification as GMDSS General Operator shall:

1. be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have completed approved education and training related to the general operator's certificate according to Section B-IV/2 of the STCW Code; and
3. meet the standard of competence specified in section A-IV/2 of the STCW Code.

### *GMDSS Restricted Operator (Regulation IV/2)*

#### **Article 28**

The candidate applying for a GMDSS Restricted Operator's Certificate shall:

- 1- be not less than 18 years of age;
- 2- have completed approved education and training related to the restricted operator's certificate according to Section B-IV/2 of the STCW Code; and
- 3- meet the applicable standard of competence specified in section A-IV/2 of the STCW Code.

## RATINGS

### *Rating forming part of a navigational watch (Regulation II/4)*

#### **Article 29**

The candidate for certification as Rating forming part of a navigational watch on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more, other than ratings under training and ratings whose duties while on watch are of an unskilled nature shall:

1. Be not less than 16 years of age;
2. have completed approved seagoing service including not less than six months of training and experience; **or**
  - have completed special training, either pre-sea or on board ship, including an approved period of seagoing service which shall not be less than two months; and
3. have meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/4 of the STCW Code;

**Article 30**

The candidate for certification of ratings as Able Seafarer Deck serving on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have met the requirements for a Rating forming part of a navigational watch certificate;
3. while qualified to serve as a Rating forming part of a navigational watch have approved seagoing service in deck department of:
  - not less than 18 months, **or**
  - not less than 12 months and have completed approved training; and
4. meet the standard of competence specified in section A-II/5 of the STCW Code.

*Rating forming part of a watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room (Regulation III/4)*

**Article 31**

The candidate for certification as Rating forming part of an engine-room watch or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room on a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more, other than ratings under training and ratings whose duties are of an unskilled nature shall:

1. Be not less than 16 years of age;
2. have completed approved seagoing service not less than six months of training and experience in engine-room, **or**
  - have completed special training, either pre-sea or on board ship, including an approved period of seagoing service which shall not be less than two months; and
3. meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/4 of the STCW Code;

*Able Seafarer engine (Regulation III/5)*

**Article 32**

The candidate for certification of ratings as Able Seafarer engine in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. have meet the requirements for certification as a Rating forming part of an engine-room watch;
3. while qualified to serve as a Rating forming part of an engine-room watch have approved seagoing service in engine department of:
  - not less than 12 months, **or**
  - not less than six months and have completed approved training; and
4. meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/5 of the STCW Code.

*Electro-Technical Rating (Regulation III/7)*

**Article 33**

The candidate for certification as Electro-Technical Rating serving on a seagoing ship powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more shall:

1. be not less than 18 years of age.



2. Have:

- completed approved seagoing service including not less than twelve months training and experience, **or**
- completed approved training, including an approved period of seagoing service which shall not be less than six months; **or**
- qualifications that meet the technical competences in Table A-III/7 and an approved period of seagoing service, which shall not be less than three months; and

3. meet the standard of competence specified in section A-III/7 of the STCW Code.

*Additional qualifications for RATINGS*

**Article 34**

All candidates will be required to produce documentary evidence of having obtained certain additional qualifications before they will be considered as having qualified for the issue of certificates of proficiency; the additional qualifications specified for each grade of certificate are set out in following Table.

Additional Training Requirements		Certificate (STCW Regulations)					STCW Code Ref
		II/4	II/5	III/4	III/5	III/7	
Basic training	Personal survival techniques	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-1
	fire prevention and fire fighting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-2
	Elementary first aid	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-3
	Personal safety and social responsibilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/1-4
proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats			✓		✓		A-VI/2
security-awareness training		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A-VI/6

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

*Basic training (Regulation VI/1)*

**Article 35**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in Basic training shall:

- 1- have approved course in basic training or instruction in
  - a. personal survival techniques as set out in Table A-VI/1-1;
  - b. fire prevention and fire fighting as set out in Table A-VI/1-2;
  - c. elementary first aid as set out in Table A-VI/1-3;
  - d. personal safety and social responsibilities as set out in Table A-VI/1-4; and
- 2- meet the appropriate standard of competence specified therein;

*Proficiency in Survival Craft Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats (Regulation VI/2)*

**Article 36**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats shall:

- 1- be not less than 18 years of age;

- 2- have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or have attended an approved training course and have approved seagoing service of not less than six months; and
- 3- meet the standard of competence for certificates of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats set out in section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4, of the STCW Code.

*Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (Regulation VI/2)*

**Article 37**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in fast rescue boats shall:

- 1- be the holder of a certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats;
- 2- have attended an approved training course; and
- 3- meet the standard of competence for certificates of proficiency in fast rescue boats set out in section A-VI/2, paragraphs 7 to 10, of the STCW Code.

*Advanced fire fighting (Regulation VI/3)*

**Article 38**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in advanced fire fighting shall:

- 1- have successfully completed advanced training in techniques for fighting fire, with particular emphasis on organization, tactics and command, in accordance with the provisions of section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4, of the STCW Code; and
- 2- meet the standard of competence specified in section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4, of the STCW Code;

*Medical first aid (Regulation VI/4)*

**Article 39**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in medical first aid shall:

- 1- have successfully completed course of training in medical first aid in accordance with the provisions of section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3, of the STCW Code; and
- 2- meet the standard of competence specified in section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3, of the STCW Code;

*Medical care (Regulation VI/4)*

**Article 40**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in medical care shall:

- 1- have successfully completed course of training in medical care in accordance with the provisions of section A-VI/4, paragraphs 4 to 6, of the STCW Code; and
- 2- meet the standard of competence specified in section A-VI/4, paragraphs 4 to 6, of the STCW Code;

*Ship Security Officer (Regulation VI/5)*

**Article 41**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency as ship security officer shall:

1. have completed seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations; and
2. have meet the standard of competence for certification of proficiency as ship officer, set out in section A-VI/5, paragraphs 1 to 4, of the STCW Code.

*Security-Awareness (Regulation VI/6)*

#### **Article 42**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in security-awareness shall:

1. have completed an approved training in security-awareness or instruction in accordance with section A-VI/6, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code; and
2. shall meet the appropriate standard of competence specified therein

*Seafarers with designated security duties (Regulation VI/6)*

#### **Article 43**

The candidate applying for a certificate of proficiency in Security training for seafarers with designated security duties shall:

1. have completed approved training for seafarers with designated security duties in accordance with section A-VI/6, paragraphs 6 to 8 of the STCW Code; and
2. shall meet the appropriate standard of competence specified therein

*Certificate in Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations (Regulation V/1-1)*

#### **Article 44**

The candidate applying for a certificate in Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations shall:

1. have completed basic training course in accordance with provisions of section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code; and
  2. have completed at least three months of approved seagoing service on oil or chemical tankers and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code, **or**
- have completed an approved basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations (Regulation V/1-1)*

#### **Article 45**

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operation on oil tankers when applying for a certificate in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations shall:

1. have a certificate in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations; and
2. while qualified for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, have
  - 2.1 at least three months of approved seagoing service on oil tankers, **or**
  - 2.2 at least one month of approved onboard training on oil tankers in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in section B-V/1; and
3. have completed approved advanced training course for oil tanker cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations (Regulation V/1-1)*

#### **Article 46**

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on chemical tankers when applying for a certificate in Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations shall:

1. have a certificate in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations; and
2. while qualified for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, have
  - 2.1 at least three months of approved seagoing service on chemical tankers, **or**
  - 2.2 at least one month of approved onboard training on chemical tankers in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in section B-V/1; and
3. have completed approved advanced training course for chemical tanker cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 3 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations (Regulation V/1-2)*

#### **Article 47**

The candidate applying for a certificate in Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations shall:

1. have completed basic training course in accordance with provisions of section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code; and
2. have completed at least three months of approved seagoing service on liquefied gas tankers and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code, **or**
- have completed an approved basic training for liquefied gas tankers cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations (Regulation V/1-2)*

#### **Article 48**

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on liquefied gas tankers when applying for a certificate in Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations shall:

1. have a certificate in basic training for liquefied gas tankers cargo operations; and
2. while qualified for certification in basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations, have:
  - 2.1 at least three months of approved seagoing service on liquefied gas tankers, **or**
  - 2.2 have completed at least one month of approved onboard training on liquefied gas tankers in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in section B-V/1;

3. have completed approved advanced training for liquefied gas tankers cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in crowd management (Regulation V/2)*

**Article 49**

Masters, officers and other personnel designated on muster lists to assist passengers in emergency situations on board passenger ships when applying for a certificate in crowd management shall have completed approved training in crowd management as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in safety training (Regulation V/2)*

**Article 50**

Personnel providing direct service to passengers in passenger spaces on board passenger ships when applying for a certificate in crowd management shall have completed the safety training specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in crisis management and human behavior (Regulation V/2)*

**Article 51**

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person designated on muster lists of having responsibility for the safety of passengers in emergency situations on board passenger ships when applying for a certificate in crisis management and human behavior shall have completed approved training in crisis management and human behavior as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 3 of the STCW Code.

*Certificate in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity (Regulation V/2)*

**Article 52**

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, loading, discharging or securing cargo, or closing hull openings on board ro-ro passenger ships when applying for a certificate in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity shall have completed approved training in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity as specified in section A-V/2, paragraph 4 of the STCW Code.

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATES

**Article 53**

The General Director may, if it is necessary, issue alternative certificates, in accordance with all the provisions of chapter VII, section A-VII/1 and section A-VII/2 of the STCW Code, and the Directorate shall ensure to send the necessary information, about any alternative certificate before issuing it, to the Organization according to the provisions of article 97 of this resolution.

REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES

*Revalidation of certificates of competency*

**Article 54**

The General Director issues the Revalidation of certificates of competency. Every master, officer and GMDSS radio operator, at intervals not exceeding five years, shall:

1. meet standards of medical fitness to work on board ship, by submitting a medical certificate issued by directorate.
2. establish continued professional competence in accordance with section A-I/11 of the STCW Code, as the following:
  - seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate, for a period of at least:
    - i. 12 months in total during the preceding five years, **or**

- ii. three months in total during the preceding six months immediately prior to revalidating, **or**
  - having performed functions and practiced works which suit, in duties and responsibilities, to the certificate held, and considering being equivalent to the sea service required in above mentioned (twelve months during the preceding five years) and this is assessed by main examination committee.
3. have completed refresher course in accordance with article.56 of this resolution.

*Revalidation of certificates for seafarers on tankers*

**Article 55**

The General director issues the Revalidation of certificates for seafarers working on tankers. Every master and officer, at intervals not exceeding five years, shall:

1. meet the requirements stated in above Article; and
2. continued professional competence shall be established by seagoing service, performing duties appropriate to the tanker certificate, for a period of at least 3 months in total during the preceding 5 years;

*Refresher Courses*

**Article 56**

The Directorate, in co-operation with the recognized institution, ensures that advanced knowledge refresher courses are prepared and updated regularly, and include changes to the relevant national and international rules and regulations concerning the safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment and take account of any updating of the standard of competence concerned, and these courses are adopted by the directorate.

*RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES*

*The Dual Agreements*

**Article 57**

The Directorate is the competent authority for signing dual agreements of mutual recognition of certificate of competency, and certificate of proficiency with the Parties listed on the White List of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/10 of the Convention to ensure that the Party is fulfilling the requirements of the Convention regarding standards of competence, training and certification and quality standards.

Information on such agreements and any other measures taken are to be communicated to the Organization in accordance with the requirements of Regulation I/7.

*Issuance of Endorsements*

**Article 58**

- a- The General Director issues the Endorsement according to regulation I/10 of Convention.
- b- The Endorsement is issued to seafarers after requests are received from the company for Syrian and foreign seafarers, or directly from any Syrian seafarers. Such a request shall include the following requirements:
  - 1.a valid certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency issued by a Party with whom there is a signed agreement with the Directorate according to article.57 of this resolution.
  2. a medical certificate, issued in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, confirming that the holder meets the standards of medical fitness to work on board ship.
- c- The endorsements will be issued only for the original certificates of competency or proficiency, not for the endorsements issued according to regulation I/10 of the Convention.

d- The endorsements are issued with the same validity dates as that of the original certificate.

#### *Verification of the Certificates*

#### **Article 59**

The Directorate has the right to verify the authenticity and validity of the certificates of competency and certificate of proficiency, of the person requesting endorsement by:

1. checking the certificate itself, and by requesting whatever is needed to verify its correctness to find out its fulfillment of all requirements of the Convention.
2. ascertain that there is a signed agreement between the Directorate and the Party issuing the certificate;; and
3. when a suspicion is existing regarding the level of his certificate, examine the candidate to verify his competency to work on board ships, by a committee formed for this purpose.

#### *Provisional Endorsements*

#### **Article 60**

The Directorate, when required, can, in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the Convention, issue a provisional endorsement for a period not exceeding three months by virtue of the certificate of competency or proficiency, in case it has been difficult for him to complete all documents needed and he has been in need to travel on board a ship, or if he has been assigned on a ship abroad.

#### SEA SERVICE CERTIFICATE

#### **Article 61**

a) The General Director issues the sea service certificate for seafarers as follows:

1. The sea service is calculated on ships according to provisions of the Ministerial Resolution No.1312 issued in the year 2010.
2. The service of one year and a half on coastal ships will be considered as one year sea service.
3. The sea service of one year and a half on board war ships and boats will be considered as one year sea service.
4. The sea service of two years on board fishing boats, yachts and tug-boats working in the international waters will be considered as one year sea service.

b) The sea service will not be qualifying the bearer to sit for the exam unless it shows the rank occupied by the candidate on board the ships, as confirmed on the contract of hiring the crew members, or as shown on the seaman book of the seafarer.

c) The sea service period submitted to sit for the examination of any of the certificates of competency or certificates of proficiency shall be calculated during the exceeding 10 years from the date of the examination, the candidate shall have at least 12 months as a sea service during the final five years. The sea service before the age of 16 will not be counted.

#### MARITIME MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

#### **Article 62**

(a) The Directorate issues the Maritime Medical Certificate.

(b) In accordance to the provisions of the International Convention issued by International Labour Organization regarding medical tests for seafarers, and in compliance to the Regulation I/9 section A-I/9 and section B-I/9 of STCW Convention as amended. The Directorate shall apply the provisions as set out in Administrative Resolution “*Regulations regarding medical fitness of the Seafarers*” which is issued by General Director.

- (c) Medical certificates shall remain valid for a maximum period of two years unless the seafarer is under the age of 18, in which case the maximum period of validity shall be one year.
- (d) If the period of validity of a medical certificate expires in the course of a voyage, then the medical certificate shall continue in force until the next port of call where a medical practitioner recognized by the Directorate is available, provided that the period shall not exceed three months.
- (e) In urgent cases the Directorate may permit a seafarer to work without a valid medical certificate until the next port of call where a medical practitioner recognized by the Party is available, provided that:
  - a) the period of such permission does not exceed three months.
  - b) the seafarer concerned is in possession of an expired medical certificate of recent date.

#### THE LOSS OF CERTIFICATES

##### **Article 63**

In case of losing or destroying the certificate, the bearer should submit an application to the Directorate stating the reasons of losing or destroying the certificate then a new certificate will be issued after paying the fees of issuing a certificate, and Directorate will give this certificate a new issuing date, but the same expiry date of original certificate, this act will be recorded down in the file of the seafarer and in the electronic record.

#### DOCUMENTATION

##### **Article 64**

(a) The Directorate shall hold records for all certificates and endorsements issued for masters, officers and ratings, and for all dispensations issued by the Directorate.

The Directorate shall also use electronic records in which all necessary data shall be stored.

(b) The records shall include the following information:

1. Name of seafarer, date of birth, nationality, gender, personal photograph;
2. Kind of the certificate, the dispensation and the endorsement with their numbers, issuance and expiry dates, their renewals and the relating cases (valid, suspended, cancelled, reported lost, destroyed);
3. Competency details (STCW competency standard, Capacity, Function, Level of responsibility, Endorsements, Limitations);
4. The medical certificate, (number ,issuance and expiry dates) relating to the issue or revalidation of the certificate of competency;
5. Any relating certificate or document.

(c) All countries, private companies and all other parties concerned with the shipping activities can check online, through the Directorate website, the electronic database provided by the Directorate in the Arabic and the English languages

## Part 2

### CREWING

#### DIVISION 1

##### *General Prohibition*

##### **Article 65**

No Syrian ship shall navigate anywhere and no foreign ship shall navigate in Syrian waters unless the requirements of this Part are met.



**Article 66**

The master of a ship shall ensure that the original certificates and endorsements required by this resolution are kept readily available on board the ship for inspection by a marine safety inspector.

DISPENSATIONS

**Article 67**

If no person holding a certificate or an endorsement required by this resolution is available to occupy a position in respect of which that certificate or endorsement is necessary, the General Director may, in accordance with Article VIII of the STCW Convention, grant a dispensation permitting a specified person to serve in that position on board a specified ship until the earlier of

- (a) the day on which a holder of that certificate or endorsement is available, and
- (b) 3 months after the date on which the dispensation is granted.

**DIVISION 2**

CONTROL PROCEDURES

**Article 68**

The Directorate undertakes to inspect all ships, which fly flag of any party, during her presence in the Syrian ports, Syrian terminals or the Syrian territorial waters.

(2) The General Director authorizes Persons for carrying out inspection duties to ensure that:

1. All seafarers serving on board who are required to be certificated in accordance with the Convention hold appropriate certificate or a valid dispensation or valid endorsement, or provide documentary proof that an application for an endorsement has been submitted to the Administration in accordance with regulation I/10, paragraph 5 of the Convention.
2. The numbers and certificates of the seafarers serving on board are in conformity with the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration;
3. Assessment, in accordance with section A-I/4 of the STCW Code, of the ability of the seafarers of the ship to maintain watchkeeping and security standards, as appropriate, as required by the Convention if there are clear grounds for believing that such standards are not being maintained because any of the following have occurred:
  - The ship has been involved in a collision, grounding or stranding, or
  - There has been a discharge of substances from the ship when under way, at anchor or at berth which is illegal under any International Convention, or
  - The ship has been maneuvered in an erratic or unsafe manner whereby routing measures adopted by the Organization or safe navigation practices and procedures have not been followed, or
  - The ship is otherwise being operated in such a manner as to pose a danger to persons, property, the environment, or a compromise to security.

(3) Deficiencies, which may be deemed to pose a danger to persons, property or the environment, include the following:

- Failure of seafarers to hold a certificate, to have an appropriate certificate, to have a valid dispensation, or to have appropriate endorsement or to provide documentary proof that an

application for an endorsement has been submitted to the administration in accordance with regulation I/10, paragraph 5 of the Convention.

- Failure to comply with the applicable safe manning requirements of the administration.
- Failure of navigational or engineering watch arrangements to conform to the requirements specified for the ship by the Administration.
- Absence in a watch of a person qualified to operate equipment essential to safe navigation, safety radio communications or the prevention of marine pollution.
- Inability to provide, for the first watch at the commencement of a voyage and for subsequent relieving watches, persons who are sufficiently rested and otherwise fit for duty.

(4) In the event that any deficiencies are found under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article, the person responsible for supervision duties shall forthwith prepare a report, including details of the deficiencies found and the grounds on which the supervisor determines that these deficiencies pose a danger to persons, property or the environment, and inform , the master of the ship, and submitted a report to the directorate, in its turn , the Directorate shall inform, in writing, the Consul or, in his absence, the nearest diplomatic representative or the maritime authority of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly, to take necessary actions.

(5) In exercising the control under paragraph (1) if, taking into account the size and type of the ship and the length and nature of the voyage, the deficiencies referred to in paragraph (2) of this article are not corrected and it is determined that this fact poses a danger to persons, property or the environment, the Directorate shall take steps to ensure that the ship will not sail unless and until these requirements are met to the extent that the danger has been removed. The facts concerning the action taken shall be reported promptly to the Secretary-General.

(6) Assessment of competency related to security shall be conducted for those seafarers with specific security duties only in case of clear grounds, as provided for in chapter XI/2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS). In all other cases, it shall be confined to the verification of the certificates and/or endorsements of the seafarers.

#### **Article 69**

All staff members responsible for supervising ships, must take all necessary procedures against any unreasonable delay of ships, and if the ship is detained or delayed, the ship has right to get reparations for any damage or loss is caused by that.

### **DIVISION 3**

#### **PENALTIES**

#### **Article 70**

The provisions of this division are applicable to all Syrian ships, the Syrian companies, and seafarers who have been granted a certificate of competency, certificate of proficiency, endorsement and dispensations by the Directorate or seafarers who have been granted a certificate by the recognized institution and authenticated by the directorate.

#### **Article 71**

- 1- Financial penalty (Four Thousand US Dollars (4000 \$)) is prescribed on any Syrian company if it has engaged a person not holding a certificate as required by the Convention.
- 2- If a master of a Syrian ship has allowed a person not holding the appropriate certificate, or a valid dispensation or a suitable endorsement to perform a function or service in any capacity required by the Convention to be performed by a person holding an appropriate certificate, is penalized as following:

- (a) If the master holding a certificate of competency issued by the directorate, the certificate will be suspended for a period of three months. The period will be doubled if the master repeats the infringement.
  - (b) If the master holding an endorsement issued by the directorate, the endorsement will be suspended for a period of six months. The period will be doubled if the master repeats the infringement.
- 3- The engagement shall be cancelled if the person has obtained by fraud or forged documents an engagement to perform any function or serve in any capacity required by the Convention to be performed or filled by a person holding a certificate or dispensation.

#### *Withdrawal of certificates and endorsements*

#### **Article 72**

The certificate or endorsement shall be withdrawn, if the seafarer loses any of the requirements on which it has been issued, or in the following cases:

- (a) If the bearer has made any forgery in the documents, submitted to the Directorate, for having a certificate, endorsement or dispensation to perform service or function.
- (b) If it has been proved that he has abused from drug and alcohol .
- (c) If he has illegally carried persons on board the ship he has been working on.
- (d) If he does not obey the orders of the master or the officer at the time of an emergency, or at the time of a force majeure, if on doing so damages have been caused to lifes, properties or the sea environment.
- (e) If he has been convicted of a crime on board the ship, in this case he does not have the right to request a certificate or an endorsement before submitting a non-conviction certificate.

#### *Suspension of certificates and endorsements*

#### **Article 73**

The certificate or endorsement shall be suspended when the seafarer loses any of the requirements on which it has been issued, or in the following cases:

- a. It will be suspended for a period of nine months if it has been proved he has been involved in drug and alcohol abuse
- b. It will be suspended for the period of 24 months when he refuses to obey the orders of the master, or officers, or at the time of a force majeure for the first time. If this is repeated the previous article will be applied.
- c. If he has committed any judicial crime on board the ship until a final verdict is issued.
- d. It will be suspended for the period of six months, if he caused any damage to the safety equipment, or cargoes on board the ship.
- e. It will be suspended for the period of three months, if he has been found drunk and the rate of alcohol is more than acceptable limit, mentioned in article.89 of this resolution, during his watch. The period will be doubled if he repeats this offense.
- f. It will be suspended for the period of six months if he does not perform his full duty on watchkeeping, for three times, or if he does any action causing environmental pollution. This period will be doubled if repeats this negligence.
- g. It will be suspended for the period of one month, if he committed any remarkable negligence which causes damages to the ship or the cargo. If this negligence is repeated the

period will be doubled. But if this negligence has been simple, it will be enough to give him a warning.

- h. It will be suspended, if he does not adhere to the resolutions issued by the Syrian Arab Republic, or any international rules and regulations.

#### **Article 74**

If the endorsement has been withdrawn or suspended the Directorate shall inform the Party that issued the certificate of the action taken.

The endorsement shall be suspended or withdrawn, if the original certificate has been suspended or cancelled by the issuing authority.

#### **Article 75**

The master of a ship shall prepare a report regarding any violation of rules and regulations committed by the seafarer, and record the action taken in the ship's logbook. This report will be signed by the master and the officer to whose department the seafarer belongs. When a report is made against an officer, the report has to be signed, at least, by two officers. This report will be sent to the Directorate to be studied by the committee stated in article.76.

#### **Article 76**

The General Director forms the committee consists of:

- (a) Head of Maritime Qualifying department. *chairman*
- (b) Master or Chief engineer officer *member*
- (c) The representative of company. *member*

The committee shall study the report, mentioned in above article, and carry out an investigation about the violation through methods they find suitable, and by using all possible means, then will make the suitable decision against the violating person, then the decision will be signed and approved by the General Director.

#### **Article 77**

The Directorate will be responsible for advising the violating person of the decision issued by the committee, and will ask him, when necessary, to hand over his certificates to the directorate. Stronger measures may be taken against him if he refuses to do that. A report of the actions taken will be sent to the Organization to be circulated to all parties after recording down the decision of the committee in the seafarer's record kept in the Directorate.

#### **Article 78**

The Directorate undertakes for extend all co-operation possible with any Party which advises the Directorate of its intention to initiate proceedings, in accordance with the provision of its legislation, against any company or any person, is locating within the Directorate jurisdiction, has made any infringement in accordance with the provisions of this division.

### **DIVISION 4**

#### *Endorsements and Certificates — Tankers*

#### **Article 79**

- (a) Officers and ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on oil or chemical tankers shall hold an endorsement or a certificate in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations.
- (b) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on oil tankers shall hold an endorsement or a certificate in advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations.

- (c) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on chemical tankers shall hold an endorsement or a certificate in advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations.
- (d) Officers and ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on liquefied gas tankers shall hold an endorsement or a certificate in basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations.
- (e) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on liquefied gas tankers shall hold an endorsement or a certificate in advanced training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations.

*Certificates — Passenger ship*

**Article 80**

- (d) Masters, officers and other personnel designated on muster lists to assist passengers in emergency situations on board passenger ships shall hold a certificate in crowd management.
- (e) Personnel providing direct service to passengers in passenger spaces on board passenger ships shall hold a certificate in the safety training.
- (f) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person designated on muster lists of having responsibility for the safety of passengers in emergency situations on board passenger ships shall hold a certificate in crisis management and human behavior.
- (g) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, loading, discharging or securing cargo, or closing hull openings on board ro-ro passenger ships shall hold a certificate in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity

**DIVISION 5**

*Principles governing near-coastal voyages*

**Article 81**

The provisions of this article are applied on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage and engaged on near costal voyages.

- (1) The Directorate is the competent authority for signing at dual agreements with the parties, especially neighbouring countries, concerning the details of both involved trading areas and other relevant conditions, which facilitate the seagoing of Syrian ships and the ships of other party engaged on near costal voyages within the agreed seagoing areas.
- (2) The Directorate is a competent authority for signing at dual agreements with the parties, for mutual recognition on certificates issued for seafarers related to near coastal voyages, according to agreement with these parties regarding the details of near-coastal voyages limits and other relevant conditions.

The Directorate will adhere by the following:

- ✓ meet the principles governing near-coastal voyages specified in section A-I/3 of STCW Code, and which achieve the safety and security of all ships and on the marine environment
- ✓ communicate to the Secretary-General, in conformity with the requirements of regulation I/7, the details of the provisions related to near-coastal voyages.

- ✓ incorporate the near-coastal voyages limits in the certificates and endorsements issued, for seafarers, pursuant to regulation I/2, paragraphs 5, 6 or 7 of Convention.

#### **Article 82**

- (a) Every officer in charge of a navigational watch serving on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage not engaged on near-coastal voyages shall hold a certificate of competency for ships of 500 gross tonnage or more.
- (b) Every master serving on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage not engaged on near-coastal voyages shall hold a certificate of competency for service as master on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage.

### **DIVISION 6**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANIES**

#### **Article 83**

The Directorate shall, in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/14 of the STCW Code, hold companies responsible for assignment of seafarers for service in their ships, and shall require every such company to ensure that:

1. Each seafarer assigned to any of its ships holds an appropriate certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;
2. Its ships are manned in compliance with the applicable safe manning requirements issued by the administration;
3. Seafarers assigned to any of its ships have received refresher and updating trainings required by the Convention;
4. documentation and data relevant to all seafarers employed on its ships are maintained and readily accessible, and include, without being limited to, documentation and data on their experience, training, medical fitness and competency in assigned duties;
5. seafarers, on being assigned to any of its ships, are familiarized with their specific duties and with all ship arrangements, installations, equipment, procedures and ship characteristics that are relevant to their routine or emergency duties;
6. the ship's complement can effectively coordinate their activities in an emergency situation and in performing functions vital to safety, security and to the prevention or mitigation of pollution; and
7. at all times on board its ships there shall be effective oral communication in accordance with chapter V, regulation 14, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the SOLAS Convention, as amended.

#### **Article 84**

- (a) Companies, masters and crew members each have responsibility for ensuring that the obligations set out in above article and that such other measures as may be necessary are taken to ensure that each crew member can make a knowledgeable and informed contribution to the safe operation of the ship.
- (b) The company shall provide written instructions to the master of each ship to which the Convention applies, setting forth the policies and the procedures to be followed to ensure that all seafarers who are newly employed on board the ship are given a reasonable opportunity to become familiar with the shipboard equipment, operating procedures and other arrangements needed for the proper performance of their duties, before being assigned to those duties. Such policies and procedures shall include:

1-allocation of a reasonable period of time during which each newly employed seafarer will have an opportunity to become acquainted with:

- i. The specific equipment the seafarer will be using or operating.
- ii. ship-specific watchkeeping, safety, environmental protection, security and emergency procedures and arrangements the seafarer needs to know to perform the assigned duties properly.

2-Designation of a knowledgeable crew member who will be responsible for ensuring that an opportunity is provided to each newly employed seafarer to receive essential information in a language the seafarer understands.

- (c) Companies shall ensure that masters, officers and other personnel assigned specific duties and responsibilities on board their ro-ro passenger ships shall have completed familiarization training to attain the abilities that are appropriate to the capacity to be filled and duties and responsibilities to be taken up, taking into account the guidance given in section B-I/14 of STCW Code.

#### **Article 85**

Companies shall ensure that the implementation of a clearly written policy of drug and alcohol abuse prevention according to limitation set out in article.89 of this resolution, including prohibition to consume alcohol within four hours prior to serving as a member of a watch either by inclusion in the company's quality-management system or by means of providing adequate information and education to the seafarers.

### **DIVISION 7**

#### **WATCHKEEPING**

##### *Hours of Work and Hours of Rest*

#### **Article 86**

- (1) The master of a ship shall ensure that every crew member
- (a) do not work more than 14 hours in any 24-hour period; and more than 72 hours in any seven day period; or
  - (b) have at least 10 hours of rest in every 24-hour period and 77 hours of rest in any seven day period.
- (2) The master shall ensure that
- (a) the hours of rest are divided into no more than two periods, one of which is at least six hours in length; and
  - (b) the interval between two consecutive rest periods does not exceed 14 hours.
- (3) The requirements for rest periods laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 need not be maintained in the case of an emergency or in other overriding operational conditions.
- (4) The master may suspend the schedule of hours of rest and require a seafarer to perform any hours of work necessary, for the immediate safety of the ship, persons on board or cargo, or for the purpose of giving assistance to other ships or persons in distress at sea, until the normal situation has been restored. As soon as practicable after the normal situation has been restored, the master shall ensure that any seafarers who have performed work in a scheduled rest period are provided with an adequate period of rest.

#### *Records*

#### **Article 87**

1. The master of a ship shall keep a record of every crew member's daily hours of work or hours of rest until the crew member is discharged.

2. The records shall be in a standardized format in the working language or languages of the ship and in English.
3. The seafarers shall receive a copy of the records pertaining to them, which shall be endorsed by the master or by a person authorized by the master and by the seafarers.

#### *Table of Shipboard Working Arrangements*

#### **Article 88**

- a) The master of a ship shall ensure that a table with the shipboard working arrangements is posted in a conspicuous place on board the ship.

For every position on board, the table shall contain:

- i. the schedule of service at sea and in port; and
- ii. the maximum hours of work or the minimum hours of rest required by article.86 or any applicable collective agreement.

- b) The table shall be in the working language of the ship and in English.

#### **Article 89**

The Directorate shall ensure that, for preventing alcohol abuse, a limit of not greater than 0.05% blood alcohol level (BAC) or 0.25 mg/l alcohol in the breath for masters, officers and other seafarers while performing designated safety, security and marine environmental duties.

#### *Navigational Watch*

#### **Article 90**

The master of a ship shall ensure that its intended voyage is planned and that a deck watch is maintained in accordance with Parts 2, 3 and 4-1 of section A-VIII/2 of the STCW Code.

#### *Engineering Watch*

#### **Article 91**

The chief engineer officer of a ship shall ensure, in consultation with the master, that its voyage is planned and that an engineering watch is maintained in accordance with Parts 2, 3 and 4-2 of section A-VIII/2 of the STCW Code

#### *Radio Watch*

#### **Article 92**

- (a) The master of a ship shall ensure that it is in compliance with regulation 12 of Chapter IV of SOLAS in respect of radio watches.
- (b) The master of a ship shall ensure that it is in compliance with Part 4-3 of section A-VIII/2 of the STCW Code.

#### **Article 93**

No person shall act, and no master shall permit a person to act, as a member of the navigational watch, engineering watch or radio watch of a ship unless the person holds a certificate appropriate to the class of ship, the area in which the ship operates and the duties to be performed by the person.

### WATCHKEEPING IN PORT

#### *Navigational Watch*

#### **Article 94**

The master of a ship that is safely moored or safely at anchor under normal circumstances in port shall ensure that a navigational watch is maintained in accordance with Parts 5, 5-1, 5-3 and 5-5 of section A-VIII/2 of the STCW Code, unless the master has made sufficient alternative arrangements to secure the safety of life and the protection of the environment, taking into account those Parts.

#### *Engineering Watch*



### **Article 95**

1. The chief engineer officer of a ship that is safely moored or safely at anchor under normal circumstances in port shall ensure, in consultation with the master, that an engineering watch is maintained in accordance with Parts 5, 5-2, 5-4 and 5-5 of section A-VIII/2 of the STCW Code.
2. Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of a ship that does not normally maintain an engineering watch in port if the chief engineer makes, in consultation with the master, sufficient and efficient alternative arrangements to secure the safety of life and the protection of the environment, taking into account Parts 5, 5-2, 5-4 and 5-5 of section A-VIII/2 of the STCW Code.

#### *Radio Watch*

### **Article 96**

The master of a ship that is safely moored or safely at anchor under normal circumstances in port shall ensure that a continuous listening watch is maintained if, in the master's opinion, the ship is in a location where it may constitute a hazard to passing ships.

## **Part 3**

### **DIVISION 1**

#### COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

### **Article 97**

The Directorate undertakes to send to the Secretary-General - as soon as it is possible - the following information:

1. The texts of laws, decrees, orders, regulations, and instruments promulgated on the various matters with the scope of the Convention;
2. full details of contents and duration of study courses, together with national examination and other requirements for each certificate issued in compliance with the Convention;
3. a sufficient numbers of specimen certificates issued in compliance with the Convention.

The Directorate ensures to send the information according to the provision of Regulation I/7 of Convention and the section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.

### **Article 98**

The Directorate shall, after one January of each year, send a report to the Secretary-General giving information of the total number of dispensations in respect of each capacity for which a certificate is required that have been issued during the year to sea-going ships

### **DIVISION 2**

#### QUALITY STANDARDS

### **Article 99**

- (a) The Directorate performs and applies quality system related to, the procedures of issuing and revalidating the certificate of competency, certificate of proficiency, endorsement, dispensation, medical certification, and the procedures of the examination system, evaluations, and required experience of assessors which ensure the continuous control for implementing the Convention and fulfilling the targets.
- (b) The Directorate ensures that the recognized institution shall be in compliance with the quality standards concerning the courses, training programme, examination, evaluations, and required experience of assessors and instructor qualifications.
- (c) The Directorate ensures that an evaluation is periodically carried out, in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/8 of STCW code, by independent evaluator in accordance with the standards of quality regarding the all activities mentioned in this article and this evaluation

includes all changes or amendments procedures carried out by Directorate or by institution in compliance with the amendments to the Convention or the STCW Code.

- (d) The evaluations, audits and control operations shall be effective to meet the requirements and achieve the targets adopted in the quality systems.
- (e) Every evaluation shall be documented and the results must be analyzed and the correction active will be carried out to rectify the defects and develop the performance.

### **DIVISION 3**

#### RECOGNIZING THE INSTITUTION

##### **Article 100**

- (a) The Directorate recognizes any Training Establishment and accredits it as a recognized institution after verification of the following:
  - 1. Syllabuses: shall be in compliance with the approved training courses which are approved by the Directorate according to article.6 of this resolution.
  - 2. assessment methods: shall be in compliance with the competence tables listed in the STCW Code as amended
  - 3. instructors and assessors: shall be appropriately qualified for the particular types and levels of training or assessment of competence of seafarers, as required under the Convention, in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of STCW code.
  - 4. quality standard: the institution shall be in compliance with the quality standards for all training courses and programmes, assessments, qualifications and experience of instructors and assessors, and shall apply a quality system to ensure achievement of defined objectives in accordance with provisions of regulation I/8 of the Convention, and this system must be under control through the internal audits and independent evaluations according to provisions of section A-I/8 of STCW code.
  - 5. simulators: shall meet the performance standards and other provisions set forth in section A-I/12 and such other requirements as are prescribed in part A of the STCW Code for any certificate concerned shall be complied with in respect of:
    - i. all mandatory simulator-based training.
    - ii. any assessment of competency required by part A of the STCW Code which is carried out by means of a simulator.
    - iii. any demonstration, by means of a simulator, of continued proficiency required by part A of the STCW Code
- (b) The Directorate has the right to accredit the recognized institution to carry out the examinations of certificates of proficiency.
- (c) The Directorate has the right to cease the recognition of the recognized institution in the case of non-conformity of this article.

### **DIVISION 4**

#### CLOSING REGULATIONS

##### **Article 101**

The Directorate has the right to authorize the Syrian consulates abroad and Syrian official representative to carry out specific authorizations related to this resolution.

##### **Article 102**

The fees incurred by issuing the certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency, maritime medical certificates and endorsements shall be paid in accordance with the Resolution No.713 issued on 2015, or any other resolution that replaces it.

The fees incurred by renewal of these certificates and endorsements shall be equal to the issuance fees.

**Article 103**

The resolution is published and informed to whom it may have to execute.

**Damascus on 13/11/2017**

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