



AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CODE TABLE A-VI/1-4 – PERSONAL SAFETY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES (PSSR) TRAINING

Merchant Shipping Notice 201

Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

The Merchant Shipping Directorate draws the attention of all concerned that the provisions introduced through the amendments to the STCW Code Table A VI/1-4, as set out in IMO Resolution [MSC.560\(108\)](#), shall be applicable to all training courses, leading to certification under Regulation VI/1, delivered on or after 1 January 2026.

The amendments introduce revised mandatory minimum requirements to Table A-VI/1-4 for Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities, addressing prevention of and response to sexual assault, sexual harassment, bullying, and other forms of harassment on board ships.

Implementation

The provisions of these amendments shall apply to all training courses leading to certification under Regulation VI/1 delivered on or after 1 January 2026.

All applications for the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency in Basic Safety Training (STCW Regulation VI/1), as provided in [Merchant Shipping Notice 109 Rev.1](#) and [Merchant Shipping Notice 129](#), as from 1 January 2026 are to include the established documentation, including the text “as amended by IMO Resolution MSC.560(108)” on the course completion certificates.

Compliance

All certificates of proficiency issued by this Administration under STCW Regulation VI/1 prior to 1 January 2026 shall retain their validity until the expiry date indicated on the certificate.

By virtue of the provisions in this notice all certificates issued by this Administration as from 1 January 2026 will have complied with the provisions of IMO Resolution MSC.560(108).

All enquiries related to the above should be addressed to stcw.tm@transport.gov.mt

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