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Shipping Information Notice – 130 Amendments to STCW Table A-VI/1-4 Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities

To: Masters, Owners, Operators, Recognised Organisations, Certifying Authorities & Industry Associations

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Following enquiries received, the Gibraltar Maritime Administration via publication of this Shipping Information Notice (SIN) aims to provide stakeholders with guidance and its current position in respect of amendments to STCW Section A-VI/1, Table A-VI/1-4, as adopted by IMO Resolution MSC.560(108).
- 1.2. Amendments to STCW Section A-VI/1, Table A-VI/1-4 as from 01 January 2026, sees the inclusion of competency in respect of violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault as part of the basic training syllabus.
- 1.3. Approved training providers must as from 01 January 2026 include the amendments to STCW Section A-VI/1, Table A-VI/1-4 into the syllabus in respect of Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities.

2. Application & Guidance

- 2.1. The Gibraltar Maritime Administration's interpretation of the amendments to STCW Table A-VI/1-4, is that amendments to STCW Section A-VI/1, Table A-VI/1-4, as adopted by IMO Resolution MSC.560(108), are only applicable to seafarers undertaking Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities as from 01 January 2026.
- 2.2. It is the Administration's further interpretation that seafarers holding valid competency in respect of Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities issued prior to 01 January 2026, are not subject to any immediate revalidation in respect of Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities requirements, given STCW Chapter VI, Section A-VI/1, paragraph 3 requires revalidation every five (5) years only in respect of tables A-VI/1-1 and A-VI/1-2, and does not currently extend to table A-VI/1-4.
- 2.3. Notwithstanding sections 2.1 & 2.2 above, the Administration actively encourages management companies and operators of Gibraltar registered vessels to provide training in support of seafarers holding A-VI/1-4 competency issued prior to 01 January 2026 which may not have extended to the subject of violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault.

- 2.4. The current position of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration aligns with that of the current United Kingdom's Maritime & Coast Guard Agency as outlined within [MIN 729 \(M\)+\(F\)](#). However, the Administration would draw the attention of owners, management companies, and operators of vessels other than Gibraltar registered vessels, that the position of individual Flag Administrations may differ from the Gibraltar Maritime Administration's, and where guidance should be sought from the respective individual Flag Administrations.
- 2.5. It is anticipated that given the global uncertainty clarification will be sought at the IMO subcommittee meeting scheduled for February 2026. Subject to the output from the meeting, the information contained within this SIN may be updated.

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