

	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,</u> <u>GOVT.OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.:QMS - 7.0 Page 1	Subject: Upgradation training for Ship Security Officer (SSO) applicable for deck and engineer officers.	No.TR/Pol/8(8)/2018
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1. The “Upgradation training for Ship Security Officer (SSO)” course was applicable for deck and engineer officers for upgrading themselves from “Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers” (STCW) 1978 Convention as amended in 1995 to STCW 1978 Convention as amended in 2010. The deadline for the said officers to comply with the requirements of STCW 1978 Convention as amended in 2010 was 31 December 2013.
2. The Training Circular 19 of 2013 dated 10 /09 / 2013 facilitated all such officers who could not upgrade their SSO certificate to STCW 2010 amendments by 31 December 2010 to attend either of the following training of three hours duration:
 - 2.1. Module on “Piracy and armed robbery” at any DGS approved training institute conducting approved “Up-gradation course for masters and deck officers” OR
 - 2.2. Module on “Piracy and armed robbery” at any DGS approved training institute conducting approved “Ship Security Officers” course as per STCW 2010 amendments.
3. It may also be noted that the “Refresher and Updating course for master and deck officers” covered the module of SSO required as per STCW 2010 amendments. Thus officers who have successfully upgraded their

certificate of competency from STCW 1978(as amended in 1995) to STCW 1978 (as amended in 2010) comply with the SSO course requirements as per STCW 1978 as amended in 2010.

4. The DGS Training Circular No. 20 of 2013 dated 11 November 2013 permitted maritime training institutes approved for conducting SSO course to conduct an additional batch owing to the huge demand of the course during that time. Such special permission however was valid until 01 February 2014 only. This permission was extended till 05 April 2014 vide DGS Training Circular No. 22 of 2013 dated 10 December 2013.
5. The Training Circular 19 of 2013 dated 10 /09 / 2013 clearly stated that fresh approvals for the SSO refresher course shall not be entertained. Considering that ample time since 31 December 2013 has been given for the officers to upgrade their SSO certificate as per STCW 2010 amendments. Also considering that the SSO course is only a two day course, maintaining and monitoring an upgradation course would be a futile exercise.
6. The Directorate has therefore, decided to abolish the "Upgradation training for SSO" course with immediate effect.
7. This Training Circular supersedes Training Circular 19 of 2013 dated 10 /09 / 2013, DGS Training Circular No. 20 of 2013 dated 11 November 2013, Addendum to DGS Training Circular No. 20 of 2013 dated 10 December 2013, DGS Training Circular No. 21 of 2013 dated 10 December 2013, and DGS Training Circular No. 22 of 2013 dated 10 December 2013.
8. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Secretary to the Government of India.

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All DGS approved Maritime Training Institutes
All MMDs.