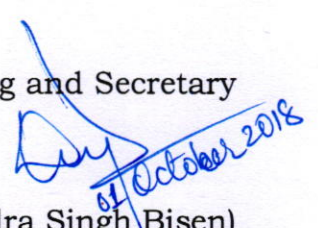
	<u>DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,</u> <u>GOVT.OF INDIA, MUMBAI</u>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Ref.:QMS - 7.0 Page 1	Subject: "Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers" (AECS), "Vertical Integration Course for Trainers" (VICT)	No.TR/Pol/8(11)/2018
	Training Circular No. 25 of 2018	Date : 01.10.2018

1. Noting that the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, Regulation I/6, item 2 requires Party to ensure 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.
2. Noting that item 7, Section A-I/6 of STCW Code states that each Party which recognizes a course of training, a training institution or a qualification granted by a training institution, as part of its requirements for the issue of a certificate required under the Convention, shall ensure that the qualification and experience of instructors and assessors are covered in the quality standard provisions of section A-I/8. Such qualification, experience and application of quality standards shall incorporate appropriate training in instructional techniques, and training and assessment methods and practice, and shall comply with all applicable requirements of paragraphs 4 to 6 of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code.

3. Noting that the IMO Model courses 3.12 and 6.09 for “Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers” (AECS), and “Training Course for Instructors” (TCI) respectively are available as guidelines.
4. In view of the above, this Directorate has developed the following guidelines for :
 - 4.1. “Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers” (AECS), in line with IMO Model Course 3.12 and
 - 4.2. “Vertical Integration Course for Trainers” (VICT) in line with IMO model course 6.09.
5. The course Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers” (AECS) (IMO Model Course 3.12) is applicable for all internal examiners and external examiners.
 - 5.1 All the Principal Officers may be directed to ensure that all examiners are trained accordingly in a phased manner but not later than 31/12/ 2018.
 - 5.2 The course in-charge, the faculty responsible for assessment and examination for any maritime course of a maritime training institute must undertake the “Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers” (AECS) (IMO model course – 3.12) course.
6. The Principal, Vice principal, all the faculty (permanent and visiting) and instructors of a maritime training institute must undertake “Vertical Integration Course for Trainers” (VICT) (IMO model course – 6.09) course.
 - 6.1 The institutes to ensure that all faculty and instructors undertake the “Vertical Integration Course for Trainers” (VICT) course latest by 31/11/2018. No faculty / Instructor shall be allowed to take lectures without undergoing this course beyond the mentioned date.

- 6.2 Principal, Vice principal and instructors who have done TOTA/TOTI course are not required to do this course. However, if involved in assessment, examination and certification of seafarers, they shall be required to do the "Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers" (AECS) (IMO model course - 3.12) course.
7. No approval for conducting maritime courses shall be granted unless all faculty / Instructors comply with the training requirements.
8. The maritime training institutes which are already approved for conducting TOTA course shall be deemed to be approved for (VICT). The TOTA/TOTI course shall cease to exist in DG approved course list and shall no longer be approved.
9. The intake capacity for the courses Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers (AECS), and "Vertical Integration Course for Trainers" (VICT) shall not be more than 20 candidates/batch and frequency shall not be more than 24 batches/year. The maritime training institute may choose to have lesser frequency.
10. The processing fees in respect of the above mentioned two courses are Rs. 75,000/- each.
11. This item no.3.9 of DGS Order No.5 of 2013 dated 15.3.2013 stands deleted.
12. This circular enters into force with immediate effect.
13. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Secretary to the Govt.of India.


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