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DGS Circular No. 19 of 2021

Subject: Refresher Training in PSCRB (Course Id: 6212) and Refresher Training in AFF (Course ID: 6312)

1. Whereas, with entry into force on 1st January, 2012, the requirements of 2010 amendments to International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW Convention, 2010), the Directorate General of Shipping issued STCW Circular No. 6 of 2011 dated 27/12/2011 stating that seafarers who are required to have either or all of following Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) need to do refresher training every 5-years;

- 1.1 Personal Survival Techniques (PST)
- 1.2 Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF)
- 1.3 Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boat other than Fast Rescue Boats (PSCRB)
- 1.4 Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF)

2. Whereas, the Directorate vide NT//ENG Circular No. 2 of 2015 dated 05/03/2015, ensured that the Refresher Training in PSCRB and AFF mandatorily include refresher training of PST and FPFF respectively as required under STCW Convention. Thus, Certificates of Proficiency for Refresher Training in PSCRB and AFF issued to Seafarer after the issuance of NT/ ENG Circular No. 02 of 2015 states that the refresher training covers the requirements of STCW Tables A-VI/2-1, A-VI/1-1 and A-VI/3 & A-VI/1-2 respectively.

3. Whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Order No. 40 of 2020 dated 18/12/2020 introduced Combined refresher Courses for PST & PSCRB (Course Id: 6214) and FPFF & AFF (Course Id: 6313).

4. Whereas, the Directorate received requests for continuation of NT/ENG Circular No. 2 of 2015 for Refresher Training in PSCRB including PST and Refresher Training in AFF including FPFF.

5. The Directorate examined the issue in detail and in order to maintain the

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continuity of NT / ENG Circular No. 2 of 2015, it has been decided to withdraw the Combined Refresher Courses for PST & PSCRB with course Id: 6214 and FPFF & AFF with course Id: 6313 as mentioned in the DGS Order No. 40 of 2020.

6. Henceforth, the Refresher Training of PSCRB with course Id 6212 will include the competencies of refresher course of PST & PSCRB; similarly the Refresher Training of AFF with course Id 6312 will include the competencies of refresher course of FPFF&AFF.

7. Further, the course contents, e-Learning and Exit Exam for Refresher Training in PSCRB (Course Id: 6212) and Refresher Training in AFF (Course Id: 6312) will be based upon the revised course outline prescribed at Annexure-II of NT/ ENG Circular No. 2 of 2015. Seafarers completing these revised courses will be issued with CoP in the digital format prescribed for course Id: 6212 and 6312.

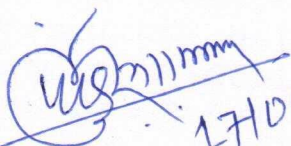
8. MTIs previously approved for conducting Refresher training in AFF /Refresher Training in PSCRB are considered approved for conduct of aforesaid course (s).

9. All officers and Deck Able Seafarers (AB) only need to do Refresher Training in PSCRB (course Id: 6212) and Refresher Training in AFF (course Id: 6312). The Ratings (other than Deck AB) need to do refresher Training, only for the basic courses (i.e., PST and FPFF). Under no circumstances Ratings (other than Deck AB) shall be made to do Refresher Training in PSCRB and Refresher Training in AFF.

10. All CoPs issued shall continue to be in digital format. Seafarers who have completed CoP in AFF (Regulation VI/3) or CoP in PSCRB (Regulation VI/2) are only eligible to undergo Refresher Training in AFF and PSCRB respectively. MTIs need to ensure compliance of the same.

11. This circular will come into force from 05 July 2021 to facilitate all those seafarers who have already commenced their refresher training courses in AFF/PSCRB to complete the same. Within these period MTIs are advised to revise their Refresher Training curriculum as per Annexure II of NT/ENG circular no. 2 of 2015.

12. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to Govt. of India


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