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DGS Circular No. 22 of 2021

Sub.: Addendum to DGS Training Circular no. 6 of 2020.

1. Whereas the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention) requires Maritime Administration to control, monitor and supervise the Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) approved for conducting the maritime courses.
2. Whereas the STCW Convention also requires Maritime Administration to approve the maritime courses conducted by the MTIs.
3. Whereas the STCW Convention additionally requires that the seafarers / candidates are imparted training and assessed for the stated competency.
4. Whereas the Directorate had issued DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2020 dated 18.02.2020 prescribing guidelines for Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations, Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations and Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations.
5. Whereas the above mentioned Training Circular had specified the entry standards in para 4 of the Guidelines for the respective tanker operation, which includes mandatory sea going service on the tankers within last 60 months or at least one month onboard training on the tanker in the supervisory capacity which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved advance training for the tanker cargo operations.
6. Whereas STCW Convention paragraph 4.2 of Regulation V/1-1, paragraph 6.2 of Regulation V/1-1, and paragraph 4.2 of Regulation V/1-2 mandates minimum sea-time requirements of candidates for certificates in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo operation, Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker

Cargo operation & Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo operation respectively, for issuance of Dangerous Cargo Endorsement (DCE).

7. Whereas the Directorate has received requests from many seafarers who do not possess the minimum required sea-time as per STCW 1978 as amended, Regulation V/1-1, paragraph 4.2, Regulation V/1-1, paragraph 6.2, and Regulation V/1-2, paragraph 4.2, but are willing to obtain certificate in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo operation, Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo operation & Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo operation respectively.

8. Whereas the aforementioned seafarers are predominantly those who have not sailed in the type of vessel mentioned above, nor involved in loading /discharge operations in tankers without going on-board but they requested to undergo the course for upgrading their knowledge only and will not be eligible to hold DCE certificate till they comply with the required sea service.

9. The Directorate has had discussions with all the stakeholders and decided to amend the entry standards of DGS Training Circular No 06 of 2020 dated 18.02.2020 in the interest of all:

9.1 If a candidate requires only Advanced Tanker Course Completion Certificate (i.e. they do not intend to apply for an Advanced Tanker Endorsement or (CoP), then in lieu of the ENTRY STANDARDS specified in Section 4 of the Guidelines in "Training Circular No. 06 of 2020" dated 18.02.2020, possession of DGS approved Basic Tanker Course will permit entry into the respective Advanced course.

9.2 All candidates who have completed a Basic Tanker course, but are not in possession of any sea time in respective type of tanker are also permitted to attend advanced training course, if they desire to attend the course or is required by any Company.

9.3 These candidates will be eligible for issuance of digital certificate upon successful completion of 3-Tier system of learning.

9.4 Candidates without 3 months sea time on the above mention tanker vessel as per the requirements of STCW 78, as amended, will not be eligible for issuance of Advanced Tanker Endorsement or CoP.

9.5 No CoP for advanced training shall be issued to seafarer without a Certificate of Competency.

10. Whereas, as per section 10.1 of the Training circular 6 of 2020, the qualifications and experience of Course-in-charge reads Certificate of Competency as Master (FG) issued or recognized by the Government of India would be replaced as "Certificate of Competency as Master (FG) OR MEO Class I (FG), issued or recognized by the Government of India as stated in section 10.2 of the circular. All other clauses remain unaltered.

11. This training circular comes into force with immediate effect.

12. This circular is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.



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All Maritime Training Institutes
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Engineering Branch & Nautical Branch, DGS, GOI.