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Excellency!

On behalf of the State Service for Maritime, Inland Waterway Transport and Shipping of Ukraine, I have the honour to draw your kind attention to the further implementation of amendments to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code, adopted by Resolution MSC.560(108) on 23 May 2024, into the Ukrainian legislation.

Considering that Table A-VI/1-4 (Specification of minimum standard of competence in personal safety and social responsibilities) of Part A of Section VI of the STCW Code was duly revised, training institutions in Ukraine have brought their seafarers' safety training programmes into line with the changes made.

The list of seafarers' training institutions with approved training programs aligned with the Amendments is available on the official website of the Shipping Administration at <https://marad.gov.ua/en>.

Moreover, the valid qualification documents in the areas of "Basic Safety Training," "Basic Safety Training (short course)" and "Familiarization, Basic Training and Instruction for All Seafarers" shall be considered valid until their expiry, provided that the training institutions ensure additional training in the specified areas covering competencies related to contributing to the prevention of and response to violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault.



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Upon completion of the mentioned training or additional training, extracts of the verification results relating to qualification documents, issued by the training institutions, will be available at <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua/check-document> and will contain a reference to compliance with Resolution MSC.560(108).

It should be stressed that such results are issued in PDF format and contain a QR code redirecting to <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua>.

Thus, the authentication of seafarers' qualification documents issued by Ukraine is carried out solely at <https://vrf.marad.gov.ua/check-document?lang=en>. Detailed guidance on using the web platform is available in the Rules section.

In view of the foregoing, we would be grateful for circulating this letter to all Member States, Observer States, international organizations that have entered into cooperation agreements with IMO and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with IMO.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem.

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