



Circular 2014/003

Training on Belgian Maritime Legislation

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To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this circular is to inform any shipping company the requirements and application procedure in regard of the recognition of certificates of proficiency for senior officers serving on board of Belgian flagged vessels. This circular is making reference to Regulation I/10, paragraph 2 of the STC95 Convention and is in accordance with the requirement 1.2.3.1 and 6.4 of the ISM Code.

1. The company shall establish measures to ensure that seafarers who present, for recognition, certificates issued under the provisions of regulation II/2, III/2 and III/3, or issued under the regulation VII/1 at the management level, as defined in the STCW Code, have an appropriate knowledge of the Belgian maritime legislation, relevant to the functions they are permitted to perform.
2. The measures mentioned under (1) may include specific shore training provided by the company or an institution, but shall be completed prior first assignment on board a Belgian flagged vessel. All training in Belgian maritime legislation provided shall be recorded by the company and procedures are to be included in the safety management system (SMS).
3. The relevant Belgian maritime legislation applicable, is listed in annex to this circular. The list of legislation is subject to updating and will be published through amended subsequent circulars.
4. In addition to the above mentioned requirements, the listed Belgian legislation in annex, must be available on board any Belgian flagged vessel. This may be either in hard copy or electronically.
5. Compliance with this circular will be verified by the Belgian Maritime Inspectorate during annual DOC audits and scheduled SMC audits on board Belgian flagged vessels.

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Annex to the circular 2014/003

List of Belgian Maritime Legislation

- 1) The Law of Maritime Safety of 5 June 1972

www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/cgi_loi/change_lg.pl?language=fr&la=F&cn=1972060530&table_name=loi

- 2) The Royal Decree of 20 July 1973 regarding the Maritime Regulations

www.mobilit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/koopvaardij/

- 3) Belgian Maritime Inspectorate circulars

www.mobilit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/koopvaardij/