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(Near Future Security training Requirements for the Seafarers)

► **Requirement as per STCW 2010:** The Manila amendments to the Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers Code (the STCW Code) came into force on 1 January, 2012. The revised Code (known as STCW 2010) introduced new minimum rest hours with immediate effect and a timetable of implementation dates for training and certification arrangements. This alert is issued to remind ship-owners that from January 2014, security training will be mandatory for all seafarers

The key implementation dates are as follows:

- 1st July 2013: New entrants commencing training are required to do so according to the standards laid out in STCW 2010.
- 1st January 2014: Mandatory security training for seafarers in accordance with STCW 2010 is required.
- 1st January 2017: STCW 2010 certification is required for all seafarers

There are three levels of security-related training required:

1. All people employed or engaged on a seagoing ship must receive security-related

familiarisation training conducted by the ship security officer or other equally qualified person.

2. All seafarers must receive approved security awareness training or instruction that can be conducted on board ship or ashore. This is not ship-specific and only has to be completed once.

3. Any seafarer who has designated security duties shall undertake approved security training meeting the requirements of Table A-VI/6-2 of the STCW Code.

Seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service before 1 January, 2012, shall meet the requirements for security awareness training detailed in paragraph 2 or designated security duties as detailed in paragraph 3, provided they have a minimum of six months approved seagoing service in the previous three years and have performed the required security duties, or have passed an approved test or successfully completed approved training.

From 1st January 2014, seafarers who do not meet the requirements must receive appropriate training before being employed on a seagoing ship.

