

STCW: REQUIREMENTS TO SECURITY TRAINING

The Faroese Maritime Authority takes the opportunity to remind all shipowners and management companies of the relevant parts of Chapter VI, Section A-VI/6, which pertain to new requirements regarding security training.

Please note the below regulations and make adequate preparations in order for your personnel to meet the requirements that become effective of 1st January 2014, when the transitional period in this respect is over:

Section A-VI/6

Mandatory minimum requirements for security-related training and instruction for all seafarers

Standard of competence for security-awareness training

- 4 Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code on the business of that ship as part of the ship's complement without designated security duties shall, before being assigned to any shipboard duties:
- .1 receive appropriate approved training or instruction in security awareness as set out in table A-VI/6-1;
 - .2 be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/6-1:
 - .2.1 by demonstration of competence, in accordance with the methods and the criteria for evaluating competence tabulated in columns 3 and 4 of table A-VI/6-1; and
 - .2.2 by examination or continuous assessment as part of an approved training programme in the subjects listed in column 2 of table A-VI/6-1.

Transitional provisions

- 5 Until 1 January 2014, seafarers who commenced an approved seagoing service prior to the date of entry into force of this section shall be able to establish that they meet the requirements of paragraph 4 by:
- .1 approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel, for a period of at least six months in total during the preceding three years; or
 - .2 having performed security functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph 5.1; or
 - .3 passing an approved test; or
 - .4 successfully completing approved training.