

(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity)

**Executive Order No. 92 of 27 June 2018 on specific qualification requirements to
manning on ships subject to the IGF Code**

Under the provisions in section 10 subsection 1, section 11 subsection 1, section 17 subsection 4 and section 25 subsection 5 in Parliamentary Act No. 63 of 3 July 1998 on Manning of Ships, as amended by Parliamentary Act No. 75 of 25 May 2009, Parliamentary Act No. 71 of 30 May 2011 and Parliamentary Act No. 52 of 12 May 2015 and following consultation with the shipowner- and seafarer organisations, the following shall be laid down:

Definitions

Section 1. In this executive order, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1) The IGF-Code: the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels for propulsion. Further defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Reg II-I/2.29.
- 2) STCW: the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers.

Service on board ships subject to the IGF Code

Section 2. Before being assigned to any shipboard duties on board, the master shall ensure that all employed seafarers on board, receive appropriate ship and equipment information and instructions related to their shipboard duties.

Subsection 2. Seafarers responsible for assigned safety duties associated with the care or use of fuel, or in emergency response to the fuel shall hold a valid certificate of proficiency to ships subject to the IGF Code, STCW Reg. V/3, section 5.

Subsection 3. Masters, engineer officers and all personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on board shall hold a valid certificate of proficiency in the management to ships subject to the IGF Code, STCW Reg. V/3, section 8.

Certificate of proficiency to ships subject to the IGF Code, STCW Reg. V/3, section 5

Section 3. In order to acquire a certificate of proficiency to ships subject to the IGF Code, the applicant shall:

- 1) hold a health certificate for seafarers valid for the service for which the certificate of proficiency entitles the holder, and
- 2) have passed an approved basic training course for service on ships subject to the IGF Code, STCW Reg. A-V/3, section 1 within 5 years prior to the date of issue of the certificate of proficiency.

Certificate of proficiency in the management to ships subject to the IGF Code, STCW Reg. V/3, section 8

Section 4. In order to acquire a certificate of proficiency in the management to ships subject to the IGF Code, the applicant shall:

- 1) hold a health certificate for seafarers valid for the service for which the certificate of proficiency in the management entitles the holder,
- 2) have passed an approved advanced training course for service on ships subject to the IGF Code, STCW Reg. A-V/3, section 2 within 5 years prior to the date of issue of the certificate of proficiency in management and after having passed the course
- 3) have completed 1 month seagoing service in which certificate of proficiency pursuant to section 2 subsection 2 is required and is able to document to have participated in at least three bunker operations in this period.

Subsection 2. It shall be possible to replace two of the three bunker operations pursuant to subsection 1, no.3, by approved simulator training as part of the training pursuant to subsection 1, no. 2.

Issuance of certificates and their validity

Section 5. The Faroese Maritime Authority issues certificates pursuant to section 3 and section 4, cf however subsection 4. The certificate is issued in a format authorised by the Faroese Maritime Authority.

Subsection 2. Certificates pursuant to sections 3 and 4 have a validity of 5 years from the date of issue.

Subsection 3. Certificates pursuant to sections 3 and 4 may be renewed 6 months before the expiry of an existing certificate, at the earliest.

Subsection 4. The Faroese Maritime Authority may authorize other persons or institutions to issue certificates according to sections 3 and 4.

Renewal of certificates

Section 6. In order to renew a certificate pursuant to sections 3 and 4, the applicant is required to hold a health certificate valid for the service for which the certificate entitles the holder, and either have:

- 1) completed 3 months seagoing service within the last 5 years on ships subject to the IGF Code, or
- 2) have passed a relevant course for having the certificate renewed.

Penalty

Section 7. The master's violation of section 2 shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment for up to 1 year.

Entry into force

Section 8. This executive order comes into force 1 July 2018.

Transitional provisions

Section 9. Seafarers subject to section 2 subsection 3 and who hold a valid certificate of proficiency in the management of gas tankers STCW Reg A-V/1-2 , section 2 shall be considered to meet the requirements on course, pursuant to section 4 subsection 1, no.2 provided they:

- 1) meet the requirements for bunker operations mentioned in section 4 subsection 1, no. 3 or have completed at least three loading/unloading operations on board a gas tanker, and
- 2) have completed at least three months' seagoing service within the last 5 years on board:
 - a) ships subject to the IGF Code,
 - b) tankers carrying cargoes subject to the IGF Code, or
 - c) ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels for propulsion.

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