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To Whom It May Concern

*Implementation of STCW Code A-VI/1-4 amendments, adopted by MSC.560(108)*

To ensure compliance with STCW Code A-VI/1-4 amendments for Latvian seafarers as of 1 January 2026 the Maritime Administration of Latvia hereby issues an explanatory notice concerning the Latvian seafarers and Latvian flagged vessels providing guidelines on the implementation of the amendments to STCW Code A-VI/1-4, as adopted by MSC.560(108) (*Prevention of Violence and Harassment*).

1. The “Basic safety training” and “Basic safety training – refresher course” training programs approved by the Registry of Seamen of the Maritime Administration of Latvia have been updated in accordance with the amendments to STCW Code A-VI/1-4.
  - 1.1. As evidence for compliance with the amendments reference “*Including STCW Code A-VI/1-4 amendments, adopted by MSC.560(108)*” is indicated on Certificate of Proficiency (COP) upon completion of the updated training program.
  - 1.2. A procedure has been established allowing Latvian seafarers to exchange previously obtained COPs at their training providers after completing short training aligned with the amendments to STCW Code A-VI/1-4.
  - 1.3. COPs issued prior to the implementation of these amendments will remain valid until their expiry date for seafarers who joined onboard before 1 January 2026.
2. In general, seafarers employed on board vessels flying the Latvian flag are required to comply with the amendments to STCW Code A-VI/1-4, as adopted by MSC.560(108), from 1 January 2026. As a temporary measure it is highly recommended to include in the ship’s Safety Management System the relevant policies and procedures for on-board training on the prevention of violence and harassment as a temporary measure. This will ensure that the minimum training is provided both to seafarers currently employed on board and to those who will be employed after 1 January 2026, particularly if their existing COPs on STCW Basic Safety Training do not include training on the prevention of violence and harassment.

Taking the above information into account, all concerned parties are strongly advised to act in full accordance with the guidelines set out in this notice to ensure compliance.

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Maritime Administration of Latvia

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