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**AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF
TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978
(STCW 1978) AND THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND
WATCHKEEPING CODE (STCW CODE)**

Applicable to: Maritime Training Institutes, Maritime Training Centres, Instructors, Assessors, Examiners, Seafarers, Shipowners, Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services (SRPS), Shipping Companies and Other Concerned Maritime Entities

References: (a) IMO Resolution MSC.486 (103) adopted on 13 May 2021 and
(b) IMO Resolution MSC.487(103) adopted on 13 May 2021.

Summary

This Marine Instruction provides the new definition “high-voltage” in regulation I/1.1 of STCW Convention and the inclusion of “electro technical officer” in the definition for “operational level” in Section A-I/1 of the STCW Code.

1. The 103rd session of IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) adopted the new definition of “high voltage” in Regulation I/1.1 of the 1978 STCW Convention and the inclusive of “electro technical officer” in the definition for “operational level” in Section A-I/1 of the STCW Code.
2. The amendments to the 1978 STCW Convention and the STCW Code are as follows:
 - (a) the new definition “**high-voltage**” is added in Regulation I/1.1 of the 1978 STCW Convention:
“.44 High-voltage means an alternating current (AC) or direct current (DC) voltage in excess of 1,000 volts.”; and
 - (b) the definition “Operational level” is replaced in Section A-I/1, sub-paragraph .3.1 of the STCW Code by the following:
“.3.1 serving as officer in charge of a navigational or engineering watch or as designated duty engineer for periodically unmanned machinery spaces or as **electro-technical officer** or as radio operator on board a seagoing ship; and”.

3. The said amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2023 upon acceptance of the Parties, in accordance with article XII (1) (a) (ix) of the 1978 STCW Convention.

4. Attention is therefore drawn to all maritime training institutes, maritime training centres, instructors, assessors, examiners, seafarers, shipowners, seafarer recruitment and placement services, shipping companies and other concerned maritime entities to observe any actions consistent with the said amendments.



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