



NAURU

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

STCW-F 1995, AMENDMENTS AND GUIDANCE (NMA_C71.2026. Rev.0)

(a) DEFINITION:

1. "IMO" - International Maritime Organization
2. "GMDSS" - Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
3. "MSC" - Maritime Safety Committee
4. "STCW-F" - International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995.

The term "Administration" shall mean the Nauru Maritime Administration.

(b) PURPOSE:

To provide guidance on the Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F) as adopted during the 108th session of the MSC.

(c) REFERENCE:

1. NMA C28-2.2018.Rev.0 - International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F).
2. IMO Resolution MSC.561(108) - Amendments to the Annex to the STCW-F, 23 May 2024.
3. IMO Resolution MSC.562(108) - STCW-F Code, 23 May 2024.
4. MSC.1/Circ.1678 - Guidelines on the medical examination of fishing vessel personnel, 28 June 2024

(d) APPLICATION:

The STCW-F Convention amendments shall apply to fishing vessels personnel serving on board seagoing fishing vessels registered under the Nauru flag.

(e) CONTENTS:

1. GENERAL

The Amendments are to provide the following revisions to the STCW-F:

- 1.1. Update of the training and certification requirements for skippers and officers on fishing vessels of 24 meters in length and above and 750 kW propulsion power and above.
- 1.2. New mandatory standards of competence for fishing vessel personnel.

- 1.3. Revised medical fitness, refresher training and watchkeeping standards.
- 1.4. Update of the STCW-F Code to reflect the revised Convention requirements.

2. IMO MSC.561(108) – AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW-F ANNEX

- 2.1. Revised definitions and scope of application.
- 2.2. Updated requirements for:
 - 2.2.1. Certification of Skippers and officers in charge of navigational watch.
 - 2.2.2. Certification of Chief engineers and engineers.
 - 2.2.3. Certification of GMDSS radio operators.
 - 2.2.4. Mandatory basic training and onboard safety familiarization for all fishing vessel personnel.
 - 2.2.5. Enhanced training standards relating to safety of navigation, fishing vessel stability, emergency response and protection of the marine environment.
- 2.3 Updated medical fitness requirements and recognition of medical practitioners.
- 2.4 Revised transitional provisions for existing fishing vessel personnel.

3. IMO MSC.562(108) – AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW-F CODE

- 3.1. Updated standards of competence for deck and engineering fishing vessel personnel.
- 3.2. New tables of competence incorporating:
 - 3.2.1. Updated navigation and engineering operational standards.
 - 3.2.2. Bridge and Engine-room resource management.
 - 3.2.3. Enhanced provisions for safety training, emergency response and survival competencies.
- 3.3 Updated watchkeeping principles reflecting human-element considerations and situational awareness.
- 3.4 Revised medical fitness standards and certification validity in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1678 “Guidelines on the medical examination of fishing vessel personnel”.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2026 and all Nauru registered fishing vessels must comply by this date unless the transitional provisions in accordance with STCW-F Regulation I/7 apply.

As Nauru is a Party to the STCW-F Convention, all fishing vessels registered under the Nauru Flag are required to be manned with seafarers duly certificated in accordance with the STCW-F Convention, as amended.

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