

Marine Notice No. 04 of 2014

Notice to all Seafarers, Maritime Training Establishments, Shipping Companies, Ship Owners, Ship Operators, Shipmasters, and All Parties Concerned.

Tanker Training and Certification, New Requirements Under “The Manila Amendments”

1. Introduction

This Marine Notice provides guidance on the implementation of the Manila amendments to the *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers* (STCW), as amended, with respect to the mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualification of masters, officers and ratings on oil, chemical and gas tankers.

The **Manila amendments to the STCW Convention and Code** were adopted on 25th June 2010, marking a major revision of the STCW Convention and Code. The 2010 amendments entered into force on 1st January 2012 and revised certification requirements for masters, officers and ratings on oil, chemical and gas tankers.

Officers and Ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on **oil or chemical tankers** must hold a certificate in **basic training** for oil and chemical tankers.

Officers and Ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on **gas tankers** must hold a certificate in **basic training** for gas tankers.

Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo related operations for oil, chemical or gas tankers must hold a separate certificate in **advanced training** for **each** type of tanker that they wish to serve on.

2. Transition timetable

1 January 2012	Manila amendments entered into force
1 July 2013	New entrants commencing training must do so in accordance with the new Manila provisions. All training programs must be in accordance with the new Manila requirements
1 January 2017	All certificates must meet STCW Manila requirements.

Basic and Advanced Training for Tanker Cargo Operations

Tanker familiarisation training and tanker specialised training have been replaced by Basic Tanker Training and Advanced Tanker Training and the course contents have been modified. Course providers that are approved to deliver the training will issue certificates of

training that specify the level of training (basic or advanced) and the type of tanker that it is appropriate for.

Basic Training for Tanker Cargo Operations.

Every candidate for a certificate in basic training for **oil and chemical** tanker cargo operations must have completed basic training in accordance with provisions of section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code. Basic training may be completed by:

- an approved basic training course for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations and meeting the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

Every candidate for a certificate in basic training for **gas** tanker cargo operations must have completed basic training in accordance with provisions of section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code. Basic training may be completed by:

- an approved basic training course for gas tanker cargo operations and meeting the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

A Certificate of Proficiency in basic tanker training will be issued, by the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, or an approved course provider, to those candidates that have completed the relevant training.

Advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations

Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency in advanced training for **oil** tanker cargo operations must meet the requirements for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations¹ and hold a relevant certificate of proficiency and while qualified for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, have:

- At least three months of approved seagoing service on oil tankers, which includes at least one load and one discharge operation, or
- At least one month of approved onboard training on oil tankers in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in section B-V/1 of the STCW Code and;
- Completed approved advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

A Certificate of Proficiency in advanced tanker training will be issued, by the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, to those candidates that have completed the relevant training.

¹ Tanker familiarisation courses carried out prior to 1st July 2013 will be accepted until 31st December 2016 in lieu of basic training together with completion of training in fire-fighting operations (STCW Code Chapter V) relevant to the type of tanker for which the certificate of proficiency is being sought.

Advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations

Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency in advanced training for **chemical** tanker cargo operations must meet the requirements for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations² and hold a relevant certificate of proficiency and while qualified for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, have:

- At least three months of approved seagoing service on chemical tankers, which includes at least one load and one discharge operation, or
- At least one month of approved onboard training on chemical tankers in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in section B-V/1 of the STCW Code and;
- Completed approved advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 3 of the STCW Code.

A Certificate of Proficiency in advanced tanker training will be issued, by the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, to those candidates that have completed the relevant training.

Advanced training for gas tanker cargo operations

Every candidate for a certificate in advanced training for **gas** tanker cargo operations must meet the requirements for certification in basic training for gas tanker cargo operations² and hold a relevant certificate of proficiency and while qualified for certification in basic training for gas tanker cargo operations, have:

- At least three months of approved seagoing service on gas tankers, which includes at least one load and one discharge operation, or
- At least one month of approved onboard training on gas tankers in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three loading and three unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in section B-V/1 of the STCW Code and;
- Completed approved advanced training for gas tanker cargo operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

A Certificate of Proficiency in advanced tanker training will be issued, by the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, to those candidates that have completed the relevant training.

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Testimonials

Testimonials of service on board tankers for which the certificate is being sought must be provided with each application for a certificate. A sample testimonial is shown at Appendix I.

Each application for a certificate of proficiency must include the following documents:

- Completed application form
- Fee
- Current certificate of competency (if any)
- Medical fitness certificate
- Certificate(s) of training in basic and/or advanced tanker training relevant to the type of certificate being applied for
- Discharge book
- Tanker sea service testimonials

Application forms are available from:

Marine Survey Office
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
Leeson Lane
Dublin 2

Irish Maritime Administration,
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland.

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Encl.: Appendix 1

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Appendix I to Marine Notice No 04 of 2014

Example of Sea Service Testimonial – this form is to be used when the officer or the Master/Chief Engineer under whom the officer serves leaves the vessel.

COMPANY NAME

REPORT OF SHIPBOARD SERVICE FOR ENDORSEMENT RELATING TO SPECIAL TRAINING ON TANKERS DECK / ENGINEER OFFICER

Company Address :
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Tel..... Fax
e-mail.....

This is to certify that:
Grade and number of certificate of competency
Date of Birth
Discharge Book No. or other I.D.

Has served as officer / supernumerary* on the following vessel on voyages of more than/less than* 72 hours

From (dates) To (dates).....

Name of Vessel O.N or I.M.O. No.....

Type of Vessel petroleum/liquified gas/liquified chemical* tanker

Gross Tonnage Flag

Type of Cargo Carried

Number of cargo operations load/discharge.....

TESTIMONIAL

My report on the above named officer during the period stated is as follows:

I consider to :

- (a) have acquired adequate knowledge of safe operational practices*
- (b) have acquired experience appropriate to duties as Deck/Engineer Officer*
- (c) be competent to safely carry out cargo handling duties*

on petroleum/liquified gas/liquified chemical* tankers.

Name of Master or Chief Engineer Officer (block capitals)

Signature of Master or Chief Engineer Officer

Issuing Authority, Certificate Number & STCW Grade of Master or Chief Engineer Officer

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Ships / Company Stamp and Date

* delete as appropriate