

**Excerpts from the International Convention on Standards of  
Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as  
amended**

**and**

**Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code, as  
amended**

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**The Manila Amendments to the annex to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978**

**Chapter I**  
General provisions

**Regulation I/6**

*Training and assessment*

Each Party shall ensure that:

- .1 the training and assessment of seafarers, as required under the Convention, are administered, supervised and monitored in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code; and
- .2 those responsible for the training and assessment of competence of seafarers, as required under the Convention, are appropriately qualified in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code for the type and level of training and assessment involved.

**Regulation I/8**

*Quality standards*

1 Each Party shall ensure that:

- .1 in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/8 of the STCW Code, all training, assessment of competence, certification, including medical certification, endorsement and revalidation activities carried out by non-governmental agencies or entities under its authority are continuously monitored through a quality standards system to ensure achievement of defined objectives, including those concerning the qualifications and experience of instructors and assessors; and
- .2 where governmental agencies or entities perform such activities, there shall be a quality standards system.

2 Each Party shall also ensure that an evaluation is periodically undertaken, in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/8 of the STCW Code, by qualified persons who are not themselves involved in the activities concerned. This evaluation shall include all changes to national regulations and procedures in compliance with the amendments to the Convention and STCW Code, with dates of entry into force later than the date information was communicated to the Secretary-General.

3 A report containing the results of the evaluation required by paragraph 2 shall be communicated to the Secretary-General in accordance with the format specified in section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.

## **Chapter VI**

Emergency, occupational safety, security,  
medical care and survival functions

### **Regulation VI/5**

*Mandatory minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of proficiency for ship security officers*

- 1** Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency as ship security officer shall:
  - .1** have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations; and
  - .2** meet the standard of competence for certification of proficiency as ship security officer, set out in section A-VI/5, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code.
- 2** Administrations shall ensure that every person found qualified under the provisions of this regulation is issued with a certificate of proficiency.

### **Regulation VI/6**

*Mandatory minimum requirements for security-related training and instruction for all seafarers*

- 1** Seafarers shall receive security-related familiarization and security-awareness training or instruction in accordance with section A-VI/6, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code and shall meet the appropriate standard of competence specified therein.
- 2** Where security awareness is not included in the qualification for the certificate to be issued, a certificate of proficiency shall be issued indicating that the holder has attended a course in security awareness training.
- 3** Every Party shall compare the security-related training or instruction it requires of seafarers who hold or can document qualifications before the entry into force of this regulation with those specified in section A-VI/6, paragraph 4 of the STCW Code, and shall determine the need for requiring these seafarers to update their qualifications.

### **Seafarers with designated security duties**

- 4** Seafarers with designated security duties shall meet the standard of competence specified in section A-VI/6, paragraphs 6 to 8 of the STCW Code.
- 5** Where training in designated security duties is not included in the qualifications for the certificate to be issued, a certificate of proficiency shall be issued indicating that the holder has attended a course of training for designated security duties.
- 6** Every Party shall compare the security training standards required of seafarers with designated security duties who hold or can document qualifications before the entry into force of this regulation with those specified in section A-VI/6, paragraph 8 of the STCW Code, and shall determine the need for requiring these seafarers to update their qualifications.

**The Manila Amendments to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping  
(STCW) Code**

**Chapter I**

Standards regarding general provisions

**Section A-I/6**

*Training and assessment*

**1** Each Party shall ensure that all training and assessment of seafarers for certification under the Convention is:

- .1** structured in accordance with written programmes, including such methods and media of delivery, procedures, and course material as are necessary to achieve the prescribed standard of competence; and
- .2** conducted, monitored, evaluated and supported by persons qualified in accordance with paragraphs 4, 5 and 6.

**2** Persons conducting in-service training or assessment on board ship shall only do so when such training or assessment will not adversely affect the normal operation of the ship and they can dedicate their time and attention to training or assessment.

**Qualifications of instructors, supervisors and assessors\***

**3** Each Party shall ensure that instructors, supervisors and assessors are appropriately qualified for the particular types and levels of training or assessment of competence of seafarers either on board or ashore, as required under the Convention, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**In-service training**

**4** Any person conducting in-service training of a seafarer, either on board or ashore, which is intended to be used in qualifying for certification under the Convention, shall:

- .1** have an appreciation of the training programme and an understanding of the specific training objectives for the particular type of training being conducted;
- .2** be qualified in the task for which training is being conducted; and
- .3** if conducting training using a simulator:
  - .3.1** have received appropriate guidance in instructional techniques involving the use of simulators; and
  - .3.2** have gained practical operational experience on the particular type of simulator being used.

**5** Any person responsible for the supervision of in-service training of a seafarer intended to be used in qualifying for certification under the Convention shall have a full understanding of the training programme and the specific objectives for each type of training being conducted.

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\* The relevant IMO Model Course(s) may be of assistance in the preparation of courses.

### **Assessment of competence**

**6** Any person conducting in-service assessment of competence of a seafarer, either on board or ashore, which is intended to be used in qualifying for certification under the Convention, shall:

- .1** have an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of the competence to be assessed;
- .2** be qualified in the task for which the assessment is being made;
- .3** have received appropriate guidance in assessment methods and practice;
- .4** have gained practical assessment experience; and
- .5** if conducting assessment involving the use of simulators, have gained practical assessment experience on the particular type of simulator under the supervision and to the satisfaction of an experienced assessor.

### **Training and assessment within an institution**

**7** Each Party which recognizes a course of training, a training institution, or a qualification granted by a training institution, as part of its requirements for the issue of a certificate required under the Convention, shall ensure that the qualifications and experience of instructors and assessors are covered in the application of the quality standard provisions of section A-I/8. Such qualification, experience and application of quality standards shall incorporate appropriate training in instructional techniques, and training and assessment methods and practice, and shall comply with all applicable requirements of paragraphs 4 to 6.

## **Chapter VI**

Standards regarding emergency, occupational safety,  
security, medical care and survival functions

### **Section A-VI/5**

*Mandatory minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of proficiency for ship security officers*

#### **Standard of competence**

**1** Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency as a ship security officer shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/5.

**2** The level of knowledge of the subjects listed in column 2 of table A-VI/5 shall be sufficient to enable the candidate to act as the designated ship security officer.

**3** Training and experience to achieve the necessary level of theoretical knowledge, understanding and proficiency shall take into account the guidance in section B-VI/5 of this Code.

**4** Every candidate for certification shall be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence in accordance with the methods for demonstrating competence and the criteria for evaluating competence tabulated in columns 3 and 4 of table A-VI/5.

**Table A-VI/5**  
*Specification of minimum standard of competence for ship security officers*

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Competence</b>	<b>Knowledge, understanding and proficiency</b>	<b>Methods for demonstrating competence</b>	<b>Criteria for evaluating competence</b>
Maintain and supervise the implementation of a ship security plan	<p>Knowledge of international maritime security policy and responsibilities of Governments, companies and designated persons, including elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Knowledge of the purpose for and the elements that make up a ship security plan, related procedures and maintenance of records, including those that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Knowledge of procedures to be employed in implementing a ship security plan and reporting of security incidents</p> <p>Knowledge of maritime security levels and the consequential security measures and procedures aboard ship and in the port facility environment</p> <p>Knowledge of the requirements and procedures for conducting internal audits, on-scene inspections, control and monitoring of security activities specified in a ship security plan</p> <p>Knowledge of the requirements and procedures for reporting to the company security officer any deficiencies and non-conformities identified during internal audits, periodic reviews, and security inspections</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved training or examination	<p>Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended</p> <p>Legislative requirements relating to security are correctly identified</p> <p>Procedures achieve a state of readiness to respond to changes in maritime security levels</p> <p>Communications within the ship security officer's area of responsibility are clear and understood</p>

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
Maintain and supervise the implementation of a ship security plan <i>(continued)</i>	<p>Knowledge of the methods and procedures used to modify the ship security plan</p> <p>Knowledge of security-related contingency plans and the procedures for responding to security threats or breaches of security, including provisions for maintaining critical operations of the ship/port interface, including also elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Working knowledge of maritime security terms and definitions, including elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p>		
Assess security risk, threat, and vulnerability	<p>Knowledge of risk assessment and assessment tools</p> <p>Knowledge of security assessment documentation, including the Declaration of Security</p> <p>Knowledge of techniques used to circumvent security measures, including those used by pirates and armed robbers</p> <p>Knowledge enabling recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis, of persons posing potential security risks</p> <p>Knowledge enabling recognition of weapons, dangerous substances and devices and awareness of the damage they can cause</p> <p>Knowledge of crowd management and control techniques, where appropriate</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from approved training, or approved experience and examination, including practical demonstration of competence to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.1 conduct physical searches</li> <li>.2 conduct non-intrusive inspections</li> </ol>	<p>Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended</p> <p>Procedures achieve a state of readiness to respond to changes in the maritime security levels</p> <p>Communications within the ship security officer's area of responsibility are clear and understood</p>

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
Assess security risk, threat, and vulnerability <i>(continued)</i>	<p>Knowledge in handling sensitive security-related information and security-related communications</p> <p>Knowledge of implementing and co-ordinating searches\</p> <p>Knowledge of the methods for physical searches and non-intrusive inspections</p>		
Undertake regular inspections of the ship to ensure that appropriate security measures are implemented and maintained	<p>Knowledge of the requirements for designating and monitoring restricted areas</p> <p>Knowledge of controlling access to the ship and to restricted areas on board ship</p> <p>Knowledge of methods for effective monitoring of deck areas and areas surrounding the ship</p> <p>Knowledge of security aspects relating to the handling of cargo and ship's stores with other shipboard personnel and relevant port facility security officers</p> <p>Knowledge of methods for controlling the embarkation, disembarkation and access while on board of persons and their effects</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved training or examination	<p>Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended</p> <p>Procedures achieve a state of readiness to respond to changes in the maritime security levels</p> <p>Communications within the ship security officer's area of responsibility are clear and understood</p>
Ensure that security equipment and systems, if any, are properly operated, tested and calibrated	<p>Knowledge of the various types of security equipment and systems and their limitations, including those that could be used in case of attacks by pirates and armed robbers</p> <p>Knowledge of the procedures, instructions and guidance on the use of ship security alert systems</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved training or examination	Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
	<p>Knowledge of the methods for testing, calibrating, and maintaining security systems and equipment, particularly whilst at sea</p>		
<p>Encourage security awareness and vigilance</p>	<p>Knowledge of training, drill and exercise requirements under relevant conventions, codes and IMO circulars, including those relevant to anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery</p> <p>Knowledge of the methods for enhancing security awareness and vigilance on board</p> <p>Knowledge of the methods for assessing the effectiveness of drills and exercises</p>	<p>Assessment of evidence obtained from approved training or examination</p>	<p>Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended</p> <p>Communications within the ship security officer's area of responsibility are clear and understood</p>

**Section A-VI/6**

*Mandatory minimum requirements for security-related training and instruction for all seafarers*

**Standard of competence for security-related familiarization training**

**1** Before being assigned to shipboard duties, all persons employed or engaged on a seagoing ship which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code, other than passengers, shall receive approved security-related familiarization training, taking account of the guidance given in part B, to be able to:

- .1** report a security incident, including a piracy or armed robbery threat or attack;
- .2** know the procedures to follow when they recognize a security threat; and
- .3** take part in security-related emergency and contingency procedures.

**2** Seafarers with designated security duties engaged or employed on a seagoing ship shall, before being assigned such duties, receive security-related familiarization training in their assigned duties and responsibilities, taking into account the guidance given in part B.

**3** The security-related familiarization training shall be conducted by the ship security officer or an equally qualified person.

**Standard of competence for security-awareness training**

**4** Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship which is required to comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code on the business of that ship as part of the ship's complement without designated security duties shall, before being assigned to any shipboard duties:

- .1** receive appropriate approved training or instruction in security awareness as set out in table A-VI/6-1;
- .2** be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/6-1:
  - .2.1** by demonstration of competence, in accordance with the methods and the criteria for evaluating competence tabulated in columns 3 and 4 of table A-VI/6-1; and
  - .2.2** by examination or continuous assessment as part of an approved training programme in the subjects listed in column 2 of table A-VI/6-1.

*Transitional provisions*

**5** Until 1 January 2014, seafarers who commenced an approved seagoing service prior to the date of entry into force of this section shall be able to establish that they meet the requirements of paragraph 4 by:

- .1** approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel, for a period of at least six months in total during the preceding three years; or

- .2 having performed security functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph 5.1; or
- .3 passing an approved test; or
- .4 successfully completing approved training.

**Standard of competence for seafarers with designated security duties**

**6** Every seafarer who is designated to perform security duties, including anti-piracy and anti-armed-robbery-related activities, shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/6-2.

**7** The level of knowledge of the subjects in column 2 of table A-VI/6-2 shall be sufficient to enable every candidate to perform on board designated security duties, including anti-piracy and anti-armed-robbery-related activities.

**8** Every candidate for certification shall be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence through:

- .1 demonstration of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/6-2, in accordance with the methods for demonstrating competence and the criteria for evaluating competence tabulated in columns 3 and 4 of that table; and
- .2 examination or continuous assessment as part of an approved training programme covering the material set out in column 2 of table A-VI/6-2.

*Transitional provisions*

**9** Until 1 January 2014, seafarers with designated security duties who commenced an approved seagoing service prior to the date of entry into force of this section shall be able to demonstrate competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities listed in column 1 of table A-VI/6-2 by:

- .1 approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel with designated security duties, for a period of at least six months in total during the preceding three years; or
- .2 having performed security functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph 9.1; or
- .3 passing an approved test; or
- .4 successfully completing approved training.

**Table A-VI/6-1**  
*Specification of minimum standard of competence in security awareness*

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Competence</b>	<b>Knowledge, understanding and proficiency</b>	<b>Methods for demonstrating competence</b>	<b>Criteria for evaluating competence</b>
Contribute to the enhancement of maritime security through heightened awareness	<p>Basic working knowledge of maritime security terms and definitions, including elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Basic knowledge of international maritime security policy and responsibilities of Governments, companies and persons</p> <p>Basic knowledge of maritime security levels and their impact on security measures and procedures aboard ship and in port facilities</p> <p>Basic knowledge of security reporting procedures</p> <p>Basic knowledge of security-related contingency plans</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	Requirements relating to enhanced maritime security are correctly identified

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Competence</b>	<b>Knowledge, understanding and proficiency</b>	<b>Methods for demonstrating competence</b>	<b>Criteria for evaluating competence</b>
Recognition of security threats	<p>Basic knowledge of techniques used to circumvent security measures</p> <p>Basic knowledge enabling recognition of potential security threats, including elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Basic knowledge enabling recognition of weapons, dangerous substances and devices and awareness of the damage they can cause</p> <p>Basic knowledge in handling security-related information and security-related communications</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	Maritime security threats are correctly identified
Understanding of the need for and methods of maintaining security awareness and vigilance	Basic knowledge of training, drill and exercise requirements under relevant conventions, codes and IMO circulars, including those relevant for anti-piracy and anti-armed robbery	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	Requirements relating to enhanced maritime security are correctly identified

**Table A-VI/6-2**  
*Specification of minimum standard of competence for seafarers  
 with designated security duties*

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Competence</b>	<b>Knowledge, understanding and proficiency</b>	<b>Methods for demonstrating competence</b>	<b>Criteria for evaluating competence</b>
Maintain the conditions set out in a ship security plan	<p>Working knowledge of maritime security terms and definitions, including elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Knowledge of international maritime security policy and responsibilities of Governments, companies and persons, including working knowledge of elements that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Knowledge of maritime security levels and their impact on security measures and procedures aboard ship and in the port facilities</p> <p>Knowledge of security reporting procedures</p> <p>Knowledge of procedures and requirements for drills and exercises under relevant conventions, codes and IMO circulars, including working knowledge of those that may relate to piracy and armed robbery</p> <p>Knowledge of the procedures for conducting inspections and surveys and for the control and monitoring of security activities specified in a ship security plan</p> <p>Knowledge of security-related contingency plans and the procedures for responding to security threats or breaches of security, including provisions for maintaining critical operations of the ship/port interface, and including also working knowledge of those that may relate to piracy and</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	<p>Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended</p> <p>Legislative requirements relating to security are correctly identified</p> <p>Communications within the area of responsibility are clear and understood</p>

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	Methods for demonstrating competence	Criteria for evaluating competence
	armed robbery		
Recognition of security risks and threats	<p>Knowledge of security documentation, including the Declaration of Security</p> <p>Knowledge of techniques used to circumvent security measures, including those used by pirates and armed robbers</p> <p>Knowledge enabling recognition of potential security threats</p> <p>Knowledge enabling recognition of weapons, dangerous substances and devices and awareness of the damage they can cause</p> <p>Knowledge of crowd management and control techniques, where appropriate</p> <p>Knowledge in handling security-related information and security-related communications</p> <p>Knowledge of the methods for physical searches and non-intrusive inspections</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended
Undertake regular security inspections of the ship	<p>Knowledge of the techniques for monitoring restricted areas</p> <p>Knowledge of controlling access to the ship and to restricted areas on board ship</p> <p>Knowledge of methods for effective monitoring of deck areas and areas surrounding the ship</p> <p>Knowledge of inspection methods relating to the cargo and ship's stores</p> <p>Knowledge of methods for controlling the embarkation, disembarkation and access</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Competence</b>	<b>Knowledge, understanding and proficiency</b>	<b>Methods for demonstrating competence</b>	<b>Criteria for evaluating competence</b>
	while on board of persons and their effects		
Proper usage of security equipment and systems, if any	<p>General knowledge of various types of security equipment and systems, including those that could be used in case of attacks by pirates and armed robbers, including their limitations</p> <p>Knowledge of the need for testing, calibrating, and maintaining security systems and equipment, particularly whilst at sea</p>	Assessment of evidence obtained from approved instruction or during attendance at an approved course	<p>Equipment and systems operations are carried out in accordance with established equipment operating instructions and taking into account the limitations of the equipment and systems</p> <p>Procedures and actions are in accordance with the principles established by the ISPS Code and the SOLAS, 1974, as amended</p>

**GUIDANCE REGARDING PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEX TO  
THE STCW CONVENTION  
PART B**

**Chapter I**

Guidance regarding general provisions

**Section B-I/6**

*Guidance regarding training and assessment*

**Qualifications of instructors and assessors**

**1** Each Party should ensure that instructors and assessors are appropriately qualified and experienced for the particular types and levels of training or assessment of competence of seafarers, as required under the Convention, in accordance with the guidelines in this section.

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**Chapter V**

Guidance regarding emergency, occupational safety, security,  
medical care and survival functions

**Section B-VI/5**

*Guidance regarding training and certification for ship security officers*

**1** The training should be relevant to the provisions of the ISPS Code and the SOLAS Convention, as amended\*.

**2** On completion of training, a ship security officer should have adequate knowledge of the English language to correctly interpret and communicate messages relevant to ship or port facility security.

**3** In circumstances of exceptional necessity, when a person holding a certificate of proficiency as a ship security officer is temporarily unavailable, the Administration may permit a seafarer having specific security duties and responsibilities and an understanding of the ship security plan to serve as ship security officer and to execute all duties and responsibilities of the ship security officer until the next port of call or for a period not exceeding 30 days, whichever is greater. The company should, as soon as possible, inform the competent authorities of the next port(s) of call of the arrangements in place.

**Section B-VI/6**

*Guidance regarding mandatory minimum requirements for security-related training and instruction for all seafarers*

**Familiarization and security-awareness**

**1** Seafarers and shipboard personnel are not security experts and it is not the aim of the provisions of the Convention or this Code to convert them into security specialists.

**2** Seafarers and shipboard personnel should receive adequate security-related training or instruction and familiarization training so as to acquire the required knowledge and understanding to perform their assigned duties and to collectively contribute to the enhancement of maritime security.

\* The relevant IMO Model Course(s) may be of assistance in the preparation of courses.

**3** Seafarers without designated security duties should complete the security awareness training or instruction set out in section A-VI/6 at least one time in their career. There is no need for refreshment or revalidation of this training if the seafarer or the shipboard personnel concerned meet the security-related familiarization requirements of regulation VI/6 and participate in the drills and exercises required by the ISPS Code.

**Seafarers with designated security duties**

**4** The expression “with designated security duties” in section A-VI/6 denotes those having specific security duties and responsibilities in accordance with the ship security plan.

**5** Seafarers with designated security duties should complete the training as set out in section A-VI/6 at least one time in their career. There is no need for refreshment or revalidation of this training if the seafarer or the shipboard personnel concerned meet the security-related familiarization requirements of regulation VI/6 and participate in the drills and exercises required by the ISPS Code.

**6** Those providing “security-related familiarization training” in accordance with section A-VI/6 should not be required to meet the requirements of either regulation I/6 or of section A-I/6.

**7** In circumstances of exceptional necessity, when the shipboard security-related duties are required to be undertaken by a person qualified to perform designated security-related duties and such a person is temporarily unavailable, the Administration may permit a seafarer without designated security duties to perform such duties provided such a person has an understanding of the ship security plan, until the next port of call or for a period not exceeding 30 days, whichever is greater.