

## STCW Security Related Endorsements

This notice serves as a reminder of the information contained in Coast Guard Policy Letter 12-06, International Convention for Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, As Amended, Endorsement(s) as Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties and for Security-Awareness, which can be found on the National Maritime Center's website. This policy letter addresses the Coast Guard's policy regarding STCW security endorsements on a U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential. In order to minimize foreign port state control actions against U.S. Vessels subject to STCW, mariners and employers are encouraged to become familiar and comply with the policy letter by January 1, 2014.

Policy Letter 12-06 can be found at:

[http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/regulations/policy/CVC\\_Policy\\_Letter\\_12-06\\_Security\\_Endorsements.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/regulations/policy/CVC_Policy_Letter_12-06_Security_Endorsements.pdf)

Sincerely,

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