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Please note of the major STCW Amendments coming into force on 1st January 2012.

Major revisions affecting the STCW were adopted at a Diplomatic Conference in Manila, Philippines on 21 to 25 June 2010 and the amendments which are about to enter into force are also known as "The Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code" and with full compliance by 1 January 2017.

The major amendments concerns,

- New requirements for onboard rest hours.
- Common medical standards
- There is an addition of Able Seafarer-Deck Rating which is separate from Rating Forming Part of a Navigation Watch( RFPNW)
- A new Electrical Technical Officer (ETO) and Electrical Technical Rating (ETR) will be added
- Measures to prevent the fraudulent practice for the certificate of competency
- To utilize modern training methods including distance learning
- Requirements which have been introduced to avoid the alcohol and substance abuse
- All deck officers shall be required to be trained for Electronic Chart Display and Information System(ECDIS) for vessels equipped with ECDIS
- At the operational and management level, the Bridge Resource Management, Teamwork and Leadership Training will be mandatory
- Seafarers to update their competence requirements with respect to serving on tankers which shall be categorized as Oil, Chemical and Liquid Gas Tankers
- There is a new section on required seafarer training for Offshore supply vessel, Dynamic Positioning Vessels and vessels operating in Polar waters
- There are new requirements of Marine Environmental Awareness Issues
- Requirements with respect to Refresher Safety Training
- Requirements for the Security training related to ISPS code
- Harmonization with IMO MLC 2006 (expected to come into force)

Please also note that there is a 5 year phase-in period for existing seafarers and requires amendments such as Work and Rest hours to be implemented 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 onwards.

Please see attached for further guidance.

