**Ordinance No.6**

**On Seafarers’ Competence in the Republic of Bulgaria**

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**CHAPTER I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1 (1)** This ordinance provides for the minimum requirements and national standards as regards:

1. seafarers’ competence related to the specific types of competency and the capacities in which they can respectively serve, acquiring a competency, maintenance of the qualification, the special and additional training, the provisions and order of certification and registration of seafarers, for the purpose of promoting the safety of life and health at work, protection of the marine and river environment and property at sea and during the Inland navigation .
2. educational institutions and centers for professional qualification providing training and education in specialties related to maritime and river navigation with respect to the training programmes, establishment and implementation of a quality management system in the training process, training facilities and equipment, appropriate qualification of lecturers, instructors, examiners, and training practice, in order to achieve the standards of training and competence of seafarers;
3. ship-owners

(2) This regulation defines the order for:

1. safe manning of the ship;

2. duly certified seafarers’ performance of the whatchkeeping duties onboard a ship;

3. recognition of the right of nationals of EU Member States, acquired in these countries, to serve in the relevant capacity on board a ship flying the Bulgarian flag;

4.recognition of the right of nationals of third countries to serve in the relevant capacity on board a ship flying the Bulgarian flag, when:

* 1. (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014 ) they hold a certificate of competency and / or certificate of proficiency for work on tankers issued by the state - member of the European Union or
  2. (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014 ) they hold a certificate of competency and / or certificate of proficiency for work on tankers issued by a third party recognized by the European Union or,

c) (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014 ) they hold a certificate of competency and / or certificate of proficiency for work on tankers made by another party to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification ans Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (Convention STCW), which is different of the aforementioned countries..

(3) The control on observation of the requirements of this regulation shall be carried out by the Executive Agency “Maritime Administration”(EAMA*)*

(4) EAMA shall maintain and apply a Quality Management System in its activity on the execution of the regulation.

(5) This Ordinance shall not apply to the crews of border patrol, ships of war and auxiliary ships of the Navy, as well as other state or operated by the Bulgarian government ships used exclusively for non-commercial purpose - to carry out state functions.

**Article 2** (1)(Am. - SG. 84 of 2014)Seafarers shall be persons, who have completed necessary training and hold certificate of competency and/or a certificate for additional and/or specialized training or an equivalent document acquired under this ordinance and take positions on a ship or on shore.

(2) Competence of seafarers shall mean their ability to perform duties onboard ship in accordance with the legal requirements and after achieving the necessary knowledge, skills and experience, and for the capacities, for which it is required – a relevant type of competency corresponding to their specific functions and their level of responsibility.

(3) Duly certified seafarers for maritime or inland navigation shall be persons holding a certificate of competency, which is acquired or recognized in accordance with the terms and order of this Regulation.

**Article 3** (1) All seafarers shall be trained and certified, as specified in this Regulation and also:

1. (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) for maritime navigation – in compliance with the requirements of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers,1978 ( STCW) and Directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the minimum level of training of seafarers лица (ОВ L 323, 03/12/2008), amended by Directive 2012/35/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of November 21, 2012 (ОВ, L 343 2012) hereinafter "Directive 2008/106 / EC,

2. for inland navigation – in accordance with the Recommendations on minimum requirements for the issuance of Boatmaster’s licences in inland navigation with a view to their reciprocal recognition for international traffic of the Inland Transport Committee to the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations Organization, and of the Danube Commission and Council Directives 96/50/EC of 23 July 1996 on the harmonization of the conditions for obtaining national boatmasters' certificates for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway in the Community (ОВ L 235, 17/09/1996) and 91/672/EEC of 16 December 1991 on the reciprocal recognition of national boatmasters' certificates for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway (ОВ L 373, 31/12/1991).

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) National standards of competency of seafarers are determined by the Executive Director of EA "MA" and published on the website of EA "MA".

**CHAPTER II**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPETENCY, ONBOARD SERVICE AND MEDICAL FITTNESS**

**Section І**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPETENCY**

**Article 4**(1)Every candidate for certification shall:

1. be not less than 18 years of age or at an age defined in the requirements for acquisition of relevant competency.
2. have medical fitness for work on board a ship;
3. have completed approved education or approved course;
4. have approved service on board ship, wherever required;

(2) (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) Seafarers, that will serve on board seagoing ships or recreational crafts engaged in sea trade, shall have completed additional training depending on their capacity, in accordance with Annex No1. The additional training may be included in the educational program on sea specialties or crossed in a separate course. The additional training is certified by issued by EA "MA" testimony.

(3) Seafarers that will serve on board certain types of seagoing ships such as passenger ships, Ro-Ro passenger ships, tankers, chemical tankers, liquefied gas tankers, ships of more than 150 000 DWT and other ships with a specific maneuvering characteristics, depending on their capacity and the type of ship shall have completed specialized training in accordance with Annex No1, in addition to the training required by para. (2).

(4) Seafarers that will serve on board river ships, depending on their capacity and the type of ship, shall have completed специална иadditional training in accordance with Annex No.2.

**Article 5** Capacities on board ships navigating in the Internal waters of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be occupied by seafarers, duly certified for maritime or inland navigation.

**Article 6** Seafarers shall acquire competency provided that they hold:

1. diploma for completion of an approved education;

2. certificate for a previous competency issued by EAMA or

(a) endorsement of certificate for a previous competency, issued by European Union Member State, wherever such is required or

(b) endorsement of certificate for a previous competency, issued by a third country with which the Republic of Bulgaria has concluded an Agreement in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, or

(c) endorsement of certificate for a previous competency, issued by a third country with which the Republic of Bulgaria has concluded an Agreement in accordance with the Recommendations of the Danube Commission;

3. document attesting service on board a ship;

4. certificate for successfully completed training course approved by EAMA, wherever it is required;

5. certificate for Medical Fitness as defined in Chapter II, Section III;

6. (amend. and supplemented. - SG. 84 of 2014) on-board training and/or in-service training as part of an approved training programme documented in an approved Training Record Book, depending on qualifications acquisition;

7. approved examination record for successfully passed exam, wherever it is required;

**Article 7** Examinations for acquisition of competency, withdrawal of limitations or revalidation of competency shall be carried out according to the ruleas and procedures set in Chapter VI, Section III of this Regulation.

**Section ІІ**

**SERVICE ON BOARD SHIP**

**Article 8** (1) Seafarer’s Service on board ship shall be the actual time of service on board a merchant ship in operation, related to performing the functions associated with the relevant capacity.

(2) As an onboard service shall also be accepted the time of service in the following cases:

1. (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) on-board traineeship and in-service training as a cadet or assistant officer on board a ship in operation, under the supervision of an instructor, the ship’s master, an qualified officer designated thereof, the chief engineer or another qualified person – only for acquisition of an initial competency or for withdrawal of limitations to serve in a certain capacity;

2. wintering - up to 3 months only for the purpose of revalidation of the competency;

3. repair and docking - up to 3 months;

4. (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) performance of duties as, pilot, tugboat master, officer of the specialized directorates of EAMA or as a surveyor of a recognized classification society , Inspector accident investigation in shipping by the "Unit accident investigation in air, water and rail transport," the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, performing duties related to certification of ships instructor of approved bridge or engine room or GMDSS simulators, operator of a Vessel Traffic Monitoring System or superintendent of shipping company - only for the purpose of revalidation of their competency, which shall be documented in the seafarer’s file;

5. (Canseled by SG No 84 dated 2014)

(3) (New SG No 84 dated 2014) Assessment of seagoing service under par. 2 to perform the functions specified for the capacity is carried out and certified in the form set out in Annex 2a.

(4) (Former 3 - SG No 84 dated 2014) The service onboard ship shall be calculated on the basis of the data entered in the seafarer’s file upon enrollment on board ship and/or of the master’s records in the Seaman’s Discharge Book for work at sea (Annex No.3) or in the Seaman’s Service Book for work on inland-waterway (Annex No.4), certifying the period of service and the capacity occupied.

**Article 9** (1)The seagoing service shall be calculated in days, months and years according to the:

1.type and tonnage of the ship;

2. area of navigation;

3.propulsion power of ship’s power plant;

4.position occupied on board ship;

(2) one month seagoing service shall be equal to a calendar month or to 30 days~~,~~ made up of periodsof less then one calendar month.

(3) (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) on board service shall be attested by a Seaman’s Discharge/Service Book or by a certificate for onboard service (Appendix № 5), issued by the respective regional Directorate “Maritime Administration”, where the seafarer is registered.

(4) (New – SG.83 of 2015) Seaman’s Discharge/Service Book is issued to Bulgarian seafarers and students at sea majors in Bulgarian schools that will hold seagoing service. Seaman’s Discharge Book is issued after passed basic training in maritime safety

**Article 10**(1) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) For the issuance of boat masters’ certificates of competency for navigation of the designated area of Danube River, the number of passages through the designated areas of Danube River shall be taken into account in addition to the requirements set forth in *Article 9.*

(2)As a passage through a designated area of the Danube river shall be considered navigation, encompassing the areas for mandatory passage according to Appendix 6, while serving in a capacity on deck and performing functions as provided for the relevant position, which shall be certified by the Seaman’s Service Book.

(3) As a number of passages through the designated areas of the river Danube shall be considered only the passages completed during the past ten years, out of which at least 3 passages in each direction during the past three years.

(4) One year onboard service as a master of a vessel sailing on inland waterways is equal to 180 effective days. For the period of 365 consecutive days, at most 180 days shall be considered as onboard service.

**Article 11** (1) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015) The time of onboard training, in-service training and sea practice as cadet or assistant officer shall be considered for acquisition of an initial competency, whenever they have been carried out during the last five years, preceeding the acquisition of that competency.

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015) The execution of all duties included in the training program during the time of onboard trainingand in-service training and during the service as a cadet or assistant officer shall be recorded in the On-board Training Record Book.

(3) The form of On-board Training Record book and training program for service on board shall be approved by the Director of EAMA or authorized person thereof.

(4) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) The On-board Training Record Book shall be registered in the respective regional Directorate “Maritime Administration”, where the Seafarer’s file is kept, prior to commencement of the onboard training or in-service training.

(5)The execution of every specific task of the relevant training program, recorded in the Training Record book, shall be confirmed by the person under whose direction the training has been conducted.

(6) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) The onboard training and in-service training shall be considered successfully completed, after the On-board Training Record Book has been positively evaluated by the committee of the respective regional Directorate “Maritime Administration”. The evaluation shall be positive, if the on-board training has been held in accordance with the prior approved program with the duration required and the candidate shall demonstrate knowledge and skills corresponding to the required standards and competency.

***Section ІІІ MEDICAL FITNESS***

Article 12 (1) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Every crew member of a merchant ship or a commercially operated craft indended for sports, tourism and pleasure flying Bulgarian flag or candidate for certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency shall meet the medical fitness standards for service in the relevant capacity.

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Medical fitness of seafarers establishes and certifies under the terms and conditions of Ordinance № H-11 of 2014 setting out the requirements for medical fitness of seafarers in the Republic of Bulgaria (SG. 41 of 2014).

(3) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) The issuance, registration and control of medical institutions issuing certificates of medical fitness shall be carried out in accordance with the system of procedures put in place the appropriate medical facility.

(4) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) On the basis of a medical certificate issued under the terms and conditions of Ordinance № H-11 of 2014 setting out the requirements for medical fitness of seafarers in the Republic of Bulgaria, officials EA "MA" performing control and registration seafarers make an entry for a healthy life and in Service Record Book of seafarers holding a position of a ship sailing on inland waterways

(5) In case the Medical Fitness Certificate under para.2 expires while the seafarer is abroad the medical fitness examination and certification may be performed by a medical institution or a medical practitioner authorized by the Authority of an EU Member State or a State, with which the Republic of Bulgaria has concluded an Agreement according to the provisions of Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, as amended.

(6) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) The Medical Fitness Certificate shall be registered at the respective regional Directorate “Maritime Administration” where the seafarer is registered and the name of the medical institution issued the medical certificate, the number, the date of issue and the validity of the certificate and the limitations, if any, shall be recorded in the Seafarer’s file/Service Record Book. The data are entered as well in the electronic register of seafarers.

(7) Any limitations under para 6 shall be recorded in the seafarer Certificate of Competency or in the Endorsement, issued according to the provisions of Regulation І/10 of STCW Convention as amended.

(8) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Upon expiry of the Medical Fitness Certificate, the seafarer shall pass medical re-examination and the new Medical Fitness Certificate shall be provided to the respective regional Directorate “Maritime Administration” where the seafarer is registered.

**CHAPTER IIІ**

**MANNING OF SHIPS. SHIP’S CAPACITIES AND COMPETENCIES**

**Section І**

**MANNING OF SHIPS**

**Article 13**(1) Every ship flying the Bulgarian flag shall be manned with sufficient number of duly certified seafarers necessary to ensure the safety, security and protection of the marine environment from pollution.

(2) The minimum number of duly certified seafarers, forming the crew of a merchant ship or a commercially operated craft intended for sports, tourism and pleasure shall not be less than the set in Appendices 8, 9, and 10 while their capacities shall depend on the navigation area, the tonnage and the type of main propulsion machinery of the vessel’s power plant.

(3) The Executive Director of Executive Agency “Maritime Administration” (EAMA) or an official authorized thereof may allow assignment of combined duties or adjustment in the number of the certified seafarers required for watches or shifts onboard ships, navigating in a restricted area or with limited length of voyage, with an automated power plant, with centralized control room, with simplified control or of a special design.

**Article 14**(1) During deep-sea voyages ships of 500 gross tonnage or more and passenger ships , including high-speed crafts and floating crafts, to which the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) appliesshall be manned with a ship security officer who has completed special training as required.

(2) The shipowner may assign a crewmember at management or operational level, to perform the functions of a ship security officer along with his functions.

**Article 15**(1) The shipowner or the manager shall define an appropriate, commonly comprehensible language as the working language onboard the ship which shall be entered in the Ship’s Log Book.

(2) Crewmembers of passenger ships shall have a command of English language with a view to a proper communication with passengers in cases of ship’s distress, at least to an extent ensuring the safety of ship and persons onboard.

**Article 16** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Duly certified seafarers forming the crew of a seagoing ship’s shall serve in capacities at the following levels of responsibility:

1. *the Management level -* level of responsibility in which the functions defined for the positions captain, chief mate, chief engineer and second engineer and supervise the proper execution of all functions falling within the scope of the responsibility of operational or support level;
2. *the Operational level* - level of responsibility in which the functions defined for the officer in charge of navigational or enginnering watch, or as designated duty engineer for periodically unattended machinery space, electrotechnical officer or radio operator and in accordance with written procedures under the direction of a person occupying a position of management level, maintain direct control for the proper performance of all functions within the scope of responsibility of support level
3. *the Support level –* level that includes persons performing tasks and duties under the supervision of an officer of the management level or of the operational level.

**Article 17**(1) The activities carried out by seafarers related to the ship’s operation, the occupational safety, the protection of the environment and the property at sea or on inland waterways, shall be grouped in the followingfunctions:

1. Navigation;
2. Cargo handling and stowage;
3. Controlling the ship operation and care for persons on board;
4. Marine engineering;
5. Electrical, electronic and control engineering;
6. Maintenance and repair;
7. Radiocommunications;

(2) Activities, related to the execution of security measures shall be performed according to the ship’s security plan and shall be jointly implemented along with the other duties at all functions.

(3) Duly certified seafarers, shall perform their specific functions at the relevant levels of responsibility while serving in certain capacity onboard ship.

**Article 18** A duly certified seafarer may serve in any capacity onboard the ship which requires a competency equivalent or lower than the one he holds, provided that the seafarer fulfils the rest of the requirements for that capacity.

**Article 19**(1) As an exception, the Executive Director of EAMA or a person authorized thereof, may allow a duly certified seafarer to serve onboard a certain seagoing ship flying Bulgarian flag in a capacity one degree higher than the capacity in which that seafarer may serve.

(2) In the cases under para.1 a written dispensation shall be issued, which shall be valid for not more than6 months.

(3) A dispensation under para.1 shall be issuedonly onceprovided that::

1. this shall not endanger human life, property at sea or the environment;
2. the person to whom dispensation is issued has a minimum onboard service equial to the seagoing service required for a capacity one degree higher, than the current capacity of the seafarer.
3. The dispensation has been requested by the shipowner.

(4) The exception under para.1 for serving as Radiotelephone operator and GMDSS operator may only be granted accordingto the provisions of Articles 48, (48.6, 48.7 and 48.8) of the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union.

(5) The exception under para.1 shall not be granted to a master or a chief engineer, except in case of an exceptional circumstances and up to the arrival of the ship in the first port of call.

(6) Dispensations shall be entered into the Seafarers’ Register.

(7) The list of dispensations issued during the preceding year shall be submitted by EAMA to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and to the European Commission for information.

**Article 20** (1**)** (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014)All seafarers assigned to any ship on a capacity that requires certain competency, shall hold a certificate of competencey and / or certificate of proficiency, issued or recognized in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation, along with endorsements of the certificates, as well as certificates of additional and/or specialized training wherever required for the relevant capacity.

(2) All documents of seafarers serving onboard ships under para.1, accompanied by Seaman’s Discharge Book and Medical Fitness Certificate with validity at least equal to the length of the expected forthcoming voyage, shall be kept available onboard seagoing ships when in operation .

(3) The documents under para.1, of seafarers serving on vessels sailing in inland waterways and the Seaman’s Service Book, shall be kept available on board ship when in operation.

**Article 21** (1) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency as well as certificates of additional and/or specialized training for work onboard seagoing ships flying Bulgarian flag, that are issued by the Administration of an European Union member-state, shall be recognized as equal to the Bulgarian certificates of competency.

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency and certificates of additional and/or specialized training, issued by the Administration of a State, Party to STCW’78 Convention as amended, shall be recognized according to the provisions of Chapter 9.

(3) Seafarer shall prove knowledge on maritime legislation applicable in the Republic of Bulgaria, in case of an endorsement of certificate of competency under para 1 and 2 shall be issued for capacities of the management level.

(4) In case the Bulgarian language is defined to be the working language on-board a ship, those members of the crew who are not Bulgarian nationals shall have proficiency in the Bulgarian language sufficient to ensure efficient communication in case of emergencies.

**Article 22** (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014)Certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency or other documentary evidences for service onboard seagoing ship issued by the Administration of a State which is not Party to the STCW’78 Convention, as amended shall not be recognized.

**Article 23** (1)Certificates of competency for service onboard vessels in inland waterways that are issued by a Member State of the European Union shall be recognized as equal to the Bulgarian certificates, and the limitations entered therein shall be taken into account.

(2) (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) Certificates of competency for service onboard vessels in inland waterways issued in accordance with the Recommendations of the Committee for Inland Waterways to the Economic Commission for Europe, of the UNO or of the Danube Commission, shall be recognized as valid under the provision of Chapter 9 and the limitations entered regarding the type of vessels shall be taken into account.

**Article 24** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015)The Directors of the respective Directorates “Maritime Administration” (DMA) shall issue endorsements of the certificates of competency and the certificates of proficiencies for tankers under Articles 21 and 23 para. 2 and under the terms of Chapter 9.

**Section ІІ**

**Capacities according to the National Classiffication of Professions and Capacities, which require certain competency**

**Article 25** (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014)The capacities for service in the deck department, which recuire Certificate of Competency and/or certificate of proficiency are as follows:

1. Master;
2. Chief mate;
3. Watch keeping officer;
4. Bosun
5. Helmsman;
6. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Ordinary seaman

**Article 26** (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014)Thecapacities for service in the engine department, which recuire Certificate of Competency and/or certificate of proficiency are as follows:

1. Chief engineer;
2. Second engineer officer;
3. Watchkeeping engineer;
4. E/R bosun;
5. Motorman;
6. Electrical engineer officer;
7. Electrician;
8. Pumpman;
9. Fireman;

**Article 27** The capacities for maintenance and operation of the equipment for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System ( GMDSS) are as follows:

1. GMDSS radioelectronic;
2. GMDSS radiooperator;

**Article 28** The capacities for which specific requirements apply, are as follows:

1. Pilot
2. Master of a tugboat;
3. Deviator;
4. Master of a floating technical craft;
5. Security officer;
6. Skipper;
7. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Skipper of fishing vessel
8. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Chief engineer officer of fishing vessel
9. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Ship’s cook

**Article 29** (1)The Capacities for service onboard vessels for carriage of goods and passengers by the inland waterways of Europe are as follows:

1. Master;
2. Boatmaster

3. Watchkeeping officer;

4. Skipper of a non-self-propelled ship;

5. AB seaman

6. Seaman

**7.** Engineer officer

8. Electrical officer

9. Seaman –motorman

10. Skipper of a small vessel in local inland navigation.

**Section ІІІ**

**TYPES OF COMPETENCY**

**Article 30** The types of competency for service in the deck department of seagoing ships are as follows:

1. Master on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more;
2. Master on ships between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage;
3. Master on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage in near-coastal voyages;
4. Master of ships of less than 500 gross tonnage in domestic voyages.
5. Chief mate on ships of 3000 gross tonnage and more;
6. Chief mate on ships of between 500 and 3000 gross tonnage;
7. Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more;
8. Watchkeeping Officer on ships less than 500 gross tonnage in near-coastal voyages;
9. Able Seafarer Deck
10. Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch;

**Article 31** The types of competency for service in the engine department of seagoing ships are as follows:

1. Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more;
2. Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power;
3. Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power in local navigation;
4. Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more;
5. Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power;
6. Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more;
7. Electro-technical officer;
8. Able Seafarer Engine
9. Rating Forming Part of a Watch in Engine Room
10. Electro-technical rating

**Article 32** The types of competency onboard seagoing ships for maintenance and operation of GMDSS equipment are as follows:

1. Ship’s Firstclass Radioelectronic for GMDSS;
2. Ship’s Secondclass Radioelectronic for GMDSS;
3. Ship’s General operator for GMDSS,
4. Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS
5. Radiooperator on ships in domestic voyages.

**Article 33** The types of competency for service in capacities for which specific requirements apply are:

1. Pilot
2. Deviator
3. Master of a tugboat
4. Skipper of fishing vessel
5. Skipper of a seagoing vessel of up to 40 gross tonnage
6. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Chief engineer officer of fishing vessel
7. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) Ship’s Cook;

**Article 34** The competency for seagoing recreational crafts not intended for commercial use is: Skipper of craft intended for sports and pleasure up to 300 GT

**Article 35** The types of competency for navigation by the inland waterways of Europe are as follows:

1. Master in inland navigation;
2. Watchkeeping officer;
3. Watchkeeping officer general category;
4. Skipper of a small vessel;
5. Engineer officer in inland navigation;

6. Electrical officer in inland navigation;

7. Seaman – motorman;

**CHAPTER ІV**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPETENCY AND**

**CAPACITIES IN WHICH SEFARERS MAY SERVE ON**

**BOARD OF SEAGOING SHIPS**

**Section І**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPETENCIES**

**Article 36** In order to acquire a competency under Article 30, the seafarers shall meet the following requirements:

1. for Master on ships of 3000 gross tonnage or more:
   1. higher education in ”Navigation”, master degree or bachelor degree and successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.01;
   2. certificate of competency “Master foreign going of ships of between 500 and 3,000 GT” or „Chief officer/Chief mate on ships of 3,000 GT or more” or „Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GT or more”.
   3. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) thirty six months of seaservice as a Watchkeeping Officer on ocean going ships of 3,000 GT or more. Тhis period may be reduced to not less than twenty four months provided that the seafarer has served not less than twelve months as Chief mate on ships of 3,000 GT and more or as Master on ships between 500 and 3000 GT;
   4. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program, if not passed such acquisition the previous capacity;
   5. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
2. for Master on ships of between 500 and 3000 GT:
   1. higher education in ”Navigation”, Bachelor‘s degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”;
   2. certificate of competency “Chief mate on ships of 3,000 GT and more” or “Chief mate on ships of between 500 and 3,000 GT” or “Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GT or more;
   3. thirty six months of sea service as Watchkeeping Officer on ocean going ships of 500 GT and more., This period may be reduced to not less than twenty four months provided that the seafarer has served not less than twelve months as Chief mate on ocean going ships of 500 GT and more;
   4. successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.01
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program, if not passed such acquisition the previous capacity;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1, in case the seafarer does not hold a Certificate of Competency “Chief mate on ships of 3,000 GT or more”;
3. for Master of ships of less than 500 GT in near-coastal voyages:
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”;
   2. certificate of competency „Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GT and more”
   3. twelve months of onboard service as Watchkeeping Officer on ships in near-coastal voyages;
   4. be not less than 20 years of age;
   5. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
4. for Master of ships of less than 500 GT in domestic voyages:
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA.
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) hold certificate of proficiency “ Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch”
   3. twelve months of onboard service as Helmsman ;
   4. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully passed examination before EAMA for acquiring competency “Radiooperator on ships in domestic voyages”
   5. be not less than 20 years of age;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
5. for Chief mate on ships of 3,000 GT and more:
   1. higher education in ”Navigation”, bachelor degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”;
   2. certificate of competency “Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GTand more”;
   3. on board service of:
      1. twelve months as Watchkeeping Officer on oceangoing ships of 500 GT or more whenever the seafarer has higher education-
      2. 24 months as Watchkeeping Officer on oceangoing ships of 500 GT or more whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation;
   4. successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.01
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
6. for Chief mate on ships between 500 and 3,000 GT:
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”
   2. certificate of competency “Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GT and more”;
   3. twelve months of seagoing service as Watchkeeping Officer on oceangoing ships of 500 GT or more ;
   4. successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.01
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
7. for Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GT or more:
   1. higher education in ”Navigation”, bachelor degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) appropriate certificate of proficiency “Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch”, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”;
   3. onboard service as follows:
      1. twelve months onboard training service out of which not less than six months as Assistant Watchkeeping Officer on oceangoing ships of 500 GT or more in, whenever the seafarer has higher educationor
      2. thirty months onboard training service as Helmsman on oceangoing ships of 500 GT and more, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”;
   4. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a course approved by the EA "MA" program, complementary education program to the requirements of IMO Model Course 7.03 for those with secondary education and acquired third degree of professional qualification specialty "Sea Navigation";
   5. ( Former “d” - - SG. 83 of 2015) training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration”;
   6. ( Former “e” - - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully passed examination before EAMA for acquiring competency “Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS”;
   7. ( Former “f” - - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
8. for Watchkeeping Officer on ships of less than 500 GT in near-coastal voyages:
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA.
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) appropriate certificate of poficiency of “Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch”;
   3. seagoing service as follows:
      1. twelve months of onboard service as Helmsman on ships of 40 GT and more, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or
      2. thirty six months onboard service as a member of the deck department out of which twelve months as Helmsman on ships of 40 GT and more and 3 months of training seagoing service, wherever the seafarer has secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA.
   4. successfully passed examination before EAMA for acquiring competency “Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS”,
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration”;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
9. for Able Seafarer Deck
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) appropriate certificate of proficiency “Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch”;
   3. seagoing service as follows:
      1. twelve months of seagoing service as Helmsman on ships of 500 GT and more, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or
      2. eighteen months seagoing service, whenever the seafarer has secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
10. for Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch:
    1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
    2. seagoing service as follows:
       1. two months onboard training service during the training course, wherever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation”, or
       2. six months onboard service as a seaman on ships of 500 GT and more out of which two months training service with training record book, wherever the seafarer has secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
    3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration” / Directorate “River inspection” ;
    4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1, whenever the seafarer has secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;

**Article 37** In order to acquire a competency under Article 31, the seafarers shall meet the following requirements:

1. for Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more:
   1. higher education in ”Ship’s machines and mechanizms”, master degree or bachelor degree and successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.02;
   2. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) certificate of competency “Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW to 3,000 kW” or “Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more” or “Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more”;
   3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) seagoing service as follows: thirty six months of sea service as a “Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more”. Тhis period may be reduced to not less than twenty four months provided that the seafarer has served not less than twelve months as “Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more” or “Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW to 3,000 kW”
   4. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program, if not passed such acquisition the previous capacity
   5. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
2. for Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW to 3,000 kW propulsion power:
   1. higher education in ”Ship’s machines and mechanizms”, bachelor degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   2. certificate of competency “Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW to 3,000 kW propulsion power” or “Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW and more”;
   3. twelve months of seagoing service as Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more; ;
   4. successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.02
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program, if not passed such acquisition the previous capacity
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1, whenever the candidate does not have competency “Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW and more”.
3. for Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power in domestic voyages:
   1. higher education in ”Ship’s machines and mechanizms”, bachelor degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   2. certificate of competency “Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more”;
   3. twelve months of seagoing service as Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
4. for Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000 kW propulsion power or more:
   1. higher education in ”Ship’s machines and mechanizms”, bachelor degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   2. certificate of competency “Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more”;
   3. seagoing service as follows:
      1. twelve months as Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more whenever the seafarer has higher education or
      2. 24 months whenever the seafarer has secondary education;
   4. successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.02
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
5. for Second engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power ;
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   2. certificate of “Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more”;
   3. twelve months of seagoing service as Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more;
   4. successfully completed course, approved by EAMA, covering the requirements set out in IMO Model Course 7.02
   5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a training course for management level approved by EA "MA" program;
   6. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
6. for Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more;
   1. higher education in ”Ship’s machines and mechanizms”, bachelor degree or secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) certificate of proficiency “Rating Forming Part of a Watch in Engine Room”, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   3. practical training as follows:
      1. 12 months, at least 6 out of which onboard service as Assistant Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more, whenever the seafarer has higher education or
      2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) 36 months, at least 30 out of which onboard service as Ship’s Motorman on ships powered by main propulsion power of 750 kW and more and 6 months as Assistant Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms”;
   4. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a course approved by the EA "MA" program, complementary education program to the requirements of IMO Model Course 7.04 for those with secondary education and acquired third degree of professional qualification specialty " Ship’s machines and mechanizms";
   5. (Former “d” - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration”;
   6. (Former “e” - SG. 83 of 2015)successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1
7. for Electro-technical officer
   1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) education:

aa) higher education in “Ship’s electrical engineering” or “Electrical power supply and electrical equipment in the water transport” or other heavy-current electrical specialty, Master’s or Bachelor’s degree;

bb) secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in "Electrical equipment of the ship" or other specialty high voltage

* 1. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) practical training as follows:

аа) 12 months, at least 6 out of which onboard service as Assistant Electrical engineer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more, whenever the seafarer has higher education or

bb) 36 months seagoing service, at least 30 out of which in a capacity in the Engine department and 6 months as Assistant Electrical engineer, whenever the seafarer has secondary education .

* 1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration” / Directorate “River inspection” ;
  2. (New - SG. 84 of 2014, am. - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully completed a course approved by the EA "MA" program, complementary the program acquired education to the requirements of IMO model course 7.08 when the person has education other than higher education in specialty "Electrical equipment of the ship";
  3. (Former “d” - amended. - SG. 84 of 2014) successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1

1. for Able Seafarer Engine
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) certificate of proficiency “Rating Forming Part of a Watch in Engine Room”;
   3. twelve months of seagoing service as Motorman on ships on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1;
2. for Rating Forming Part of a Watch in Engine Room:
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;;
   2. seagoing service as follows:
      1. two months onboard training as part of the training course on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 300 kW and more, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms” or
      2. twelve months of seagoing service on ships powered by main propulsion power of 300 kW and more as wiper, oiler or fitter in engine room out of which 2 moths as Assistant Ship’s Motorman whenever the seafarer has secondary education and completed a training course approved by EAMA;
   3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration” / Directorate “River inspection” ;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1, whenever the seafarer has secondary education and a training course approved by EAMA;
3. for Electro-technical rating:
   1. secondary education in “Electrical equipment of the ship” or other heavy-current electrical specialty with acquired third degree of professional qualification;
   2. seagoing service as follows:
      1. 3 months onboard training, wherever the seafarer has secondary education in “Ship’s electrical engineering” or
      2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) 6 months as a trainee Electrician on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more or
      3. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) 12 months as electrical fitter on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more for the other specialties;
   3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration” / Directorate “River inspection” ;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63 para.1, wherever the sefarer has secondary education in a specialty other than “Ship’s electrical engineering”;

**Article 38** In order to acquire a competency under Article 32, the seafarers shall meet the following requirements:

1. for Ship’s FirstClass Radioelectronic for GMDSS:
   1. certificate of competency “Ship’s Second Class Radioelectronic Officer for GMDSS”;
   2. twelve months seagoing service as GMDSS Radioelectronic Officer on ships with GMDSS equipment sailing in sea areas А2 and А3;
   3. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63 para.1;
2. for Ship’s SecondClass Radioelectronic Officer for GMDSS:
   1. higher education in “Marine communications”, “Radiolocation”, “Communication equipment”, “Radio and TV equipment”, “Communication equipment and technologies”, “Ships radioelectronics” or “Electronics”, bachelor’s degeree;
   2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) completed a preparatory course approved by EA "MA" program where the applicant’s education does not meet the requirements of IMO Model Course 1.31;
   3. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) three months onboard training on ships with GMDSS equipment;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63 para.1;
3. for Ship’s General Operator for GMDSS;
   1. secondary education;
   2. completed training approved by EAMA
   3. practical training completed during the training course;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63 para.1;
4. for Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS~~:~~
   1. secondary education;
   2. completed training course approved by EAMA;
   3. practical training completed during the training course;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63 para.1;
5. for Radiooperator on ships in domestic voyages~~:~~
   1. basic education;
   2. completed training course, including practical training, approved by EAMA;
   3. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article63 para.1;

**Article 39** In order to acquire a competency under Article 33, the seafarers shall meet the following requirements:

1. for Master of a tugboat:
   1. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) competency which gives the right to the candidate to serve as master of ship, corresponding to the area of navigation and the tugboat’s gross tonnage;
   2. Maneuver’s log book with documented 60 tugboat port maneuvers, performed under the supervision of a certified tugbost master. The log book shall be sighned by the supervising Tugboat Master and by the pilot of the maneuvered ship. Up to 30 of the required port maneuvers can be performed on an approved by EAMA simulator, according to approved by EAMA training program;
   3. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para.1.
2. for Pilot:
   1. certificate of competency “Master on ship of 3000 GT or more”;
   2. (amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) 80 maneuvers performed in the relevant pilotage area under the supervision of a pilot-instructor, included on the list of the Instructor pilots, approved by the Director of the relevant Directorate “Maritime Administration” / Directorate of River inspection;
   3. pilot’s record book approved by EA MA and signed by the Instructor and by the master of the maneuvered ship;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para 1.according to a programme approved by EA “MA”
3. for Deviator:
   1. higher education in “Navigation”, Bachelor ‘s degree;
   2. to perform 5 deviation calibration procedures under the supervision of a certified deviator, documented in a practical training book;
   3. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para 1 according to a programme approved by EA “MA”
4. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) for Master of fishing vessel in domestic voyages
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. seagoing service as follows:

aa) six months of onboard service as Assistant Master of fishing vessel, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Sea navigation” or

bb) 12 months onboard service as a member of the deck department out of which six months as Assistant Master of fishing vessel of training seagoing service recorded in the approved by EAMA Trainning Record Book, wherever the seafarer has secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA .

* 1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration” / Directorate “River inspection” ;
  2. to hold a valid Certificate for Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS and
  3. successfully passed test before a committee under Article 63, para 1.

1. (Former. 4 - SG. 84 of 2014) for Master of fishing vessel of up to 200 GT in near-coastal voyages
   1. 24 months seagoing service in a capacity requiring a competency under Art. 30, 6 out of which on a corresponding type of ship;
   2. to hold a valid Certificate for Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS and
   3. successfully passed test before a committee under Article 63, para 1 whenever the seafarer does not have any of the competencies under Art.30, points 1 to 8.
2. (Former. 5 - SG. 84 of 2014) for Skipper of seagoing vessel of up to 40 GT:
   1. basic education and completed training course approved by EAMA or certificate of competency “Skipper of small inland vessel”;
   2. completed practical training during the training course;
   3. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 7(1);
   4. be not less than 18 years of age;
3. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) for Chief engineer officer of fishing vessel:
   1. secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms” or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. seagoing service as follows:

aa) six months of onboard service as Assistant engineer of fishing vessel, whenever the seafarer has secondary education with acquired third degree of professional qualification in “Ship’s machines and mechanizms” or

bb) 12 months onboard service as a member of the engine department out of which six months as Assistant engineer of fishing vessel of training seagoing service recorded in the approved by EAMA Trainning Record Book, wherever the seafarer has secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA .

* 1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015)training record book approved by the relevant Directorate “Martime Administration” / Directorate “River inspection” ;
  2. successfully passed test before a committee under Article 63, para 1.

1. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) for Ship’s Cook:
   1. secondary education with acquired second degree of professional qualification in "Technology nutrition" or other specialty corresponding to the thematic plan and the number of hours specified in the national standard or secondary education and successfully pass approved by EA "MA" training course.
   2. be not less than 18 years of age;
   3. practical training in education or preparatory course;
   4. successfully passed examination in the course in the presence of officials of EA "MA" when people have completed a training course.

**Article 40** In order to acquire a competency “Skipper of recreational craft up to 300 GT” under Article 34, the seafarers shall meet the following requirements:

* 1. completed secondary education;
  2. successfully completed training course approved by EAMA;
  3. one month onboard training service during the training course or 3 months seagoing service on board of recreational craft, proven with a crew list, endorsed by border control authorities;
  4. appropriate certificate of competency “Ship’s General operator for GMDSS”~~;~~
  5. successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para 1;

**Section ІІ**

**RIGHTS TO SERVE IN CAPACITIES ON SHIPS**

**Article 41**(1) Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 30 and 31, may serve onboard ships in a capacity corresponding to or lower then the competency they have acquired and according to the limitations in the certificate of competency, if any.

(2) Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 30, points 5 and 6 may serve as Master of ships up to 3000 GT in near-coastal voyages, provided that they have not less than 6 months seagoing service in the capacity Chief mate on ships of 500 GT and more.

(3) Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 30, point 7 may serve as Master of ships of up to 500 GT in near-coastal voyages, provided that they have not less than 12 months seagoing service in the capacity Watchkeeping Officer on ships of 500 GT and more.

(4) Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 30, point 8 may serve as Master of ships of up to 300 GT in near-coastal voyages, provided that they have 12 months seagoing service in the capacity Watchkeeping Officer on ships up to 500 GT in near-coastal voyages

(5) Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 30, points 9 and 10 may serve in the following capacities:

1. Master of ship up to 200 GT in near-coastal voyages, carrying up to 35 people on board, provided that they have 12 months seagoing service on the relevant type of ship, “Ship’s radio-operator in domestic voyages” certificate and suscessfully passed examination before EAMA;

2. Master of ship up to 200 GT in near-coastal voyages, carrying up to 100 people on board, provided that they have 24 months seagoing service on the relevant type of ship, “Ship’s radio-operator in domestic voyages” certificate and suscessfully passed examination before EAMA;

3. Master of fishing vessel up to 200 GT in near-coastal voyages, provided that they have 24 months seagoing service, out of which 6 on the relevant type of ship, “Ship’s radio-operator in domestic voyages” certificate and suscessfully passed examination before EAMA.

(6) (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 30 may serve in a capacity Master of floating technical craft after completion of an approved training course and after they pass successfully the examination before the committee under Article 63, para. 1 except persons who have acquired proficiency under Art. 30, p. 10 after September 1, 2012, without completing secondary education with third degree of professional qualification.

(7) (New - SG. 83 of 2015) Maintain the competency of persons under par. 1-6 is by keeping the core competency or proof of continuing competence in domestic voyages under Art. 86.

**Article 42 (1)** (Previous Art. 42 - SG. 83 of 2015)Seafarers, duly certified in accordance with Article 31, points 4 to 6 and 8 to 10 may serve in the following capacitis on board ships:

1. Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW propulsion power and more and Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power may serve as Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000 kW in domestic voyages.
2. Watchkeeping Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more may serve as Chief Engineer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery up to 750 kW propulsion power in domestic voyages after 6 months seagoing service as Watchkeeping Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more.
3. Engine Room Bosun and Ship’s Motorman may serve in the following capacities:
   1. Chief Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery up to 750 kW propulsion power in domestic voyages provided that they have 12 months seagoing service as Bosun or 24 months as Motorman on board ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more;
   2. Pumpman on board tanker ships provided that they have 12 months seagoing service as Motorman on board the same type of tanker;
   3. Ship’s fireman
4. (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) Electro-technical rating may serve as an Electro-technical Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery up to 750 kW propulsion power in domestic voyages after 18 months of sea service as Electro-technical rating on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 300 kW propulsion power and more.

(2) New - SG. 83 of 2015) Maintain the competency of persons under par. 1 is by keeping the core competency or proof of continuing competence in domestic voyages under Art. 86.

**Article 43** Seafarers, holding certificates of competency in accordance with Article 32, may serve in a relevant capacity, as follows:

1. Ship’s Firstclass Radioelectronic for GMDSS may serve as:
   1. GMDSS Radioelectronic on all type of ships sailing in all areas, and also to maintain the navigational and communicational equipment onboard ship or ashore.
   2. GMDSS Radio-operator on ships sailing in all areas.
2. Ship’s Secondclass Radioelectronic for GMDSS may serve as:
   1. GMDSS Radioelectronic on all type of ships sailing in all areas except on passenger ships, and also to maintain the navigational and communicational equipment onboard ship or ashore;
   2. GMDSS Radio-operator on ships sailing in all areas;
3. Ship’s General operator for GMDSS may serve as GMDSS Radiooperator ashore or on ships sailing in all areas.
4. Ship’s Restricted Radiooperator for GMDSS may serve as GMDSS radiooperator on ships sailing in sea area A1;
5. Ship’s Radio-operator in local navigation may serve as Radio-operator on ships in domestic voyages.

**Article 44** Seafarers, holding competency in accordance with Article 33, may serve as follows:

1. Master of a tugboat may serve in the capacity Master in open sea towage, in accordance with the limitations for the main competency;
2. Pilot may serve as pilot in Bulgarian port for which aquatory he has been certificated;
3. Skipper of a seagoing vessel of up to 40 GT may serve as Master of fishing vessel or Master of recreational craft of up to 40 GT, with no more than 12 passengers on board including the crew.

**CHAPTER V**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF A COMPETENCY AND**

**RIGHTS TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITIES ON VESSELS SAILING ON INLAND WATERWAYS OF EUROPE**

**Section І**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPETENCIES FOR SERVICE ON VESSELS SAILING ON INLAND WATERWAYS OF EUROPE**

**Article 45** In order to obtain a certificate under Article 35, seafarers shall meet the following requirements:

1. for master in inland navigation:
   1. be not less than 21 years of age;
   2. higher education in “Inland Navigation”, Bachelor’s degree or high vocational education in inland navigation with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired;
   3. certificate of competency of watchkeeping officer in inland navigation;
   4. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) document certifying passed special and additional training Annex № 2;
   5. (Former "D" - SG. 83 of 2015) at least three years of onboard service as a member of the deck department of a vessel sailing on inland waterways, one year out of which as watchkeeping officer in inland navigation;
   6. (Former "E" - SG. 83 of 2015) not less than 16 passages through each designated area of the Danube river for which the person applies for certification.
   7. (Former "F" - SG. 83 of 2015) successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1;
2. for watchkeeping officer in inland navigation:
   1. higher education in “Inland Navigation”, Bachelor’s degree or completed secondary education;
   2. certificate of competency of watchkeeping officer general category, whenever the person has secondary education;
   3. two months of training onboard a vessel sailing on inland waterways as a trainee, or two months onboard service as a seaman, wherever the person has completed higher education, or two years of onboard service in a capacity of the deck department whenever the person has secondary education;
   4. training record book, whenever the person has completed higher education;
   5. successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1, whenever the person has completed higher education;
3. for watchkeeping officer general category:
   1. high vocational education in “Inland navigation” with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. two months of training onboard a vessel sailing on inland waterways as a trainee, or two months onboard service as a seaman, wherever the person has completed high vocational education in “Inland navigation” with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired or one year onboard service in a capacity of the deck department, whenever the person has completed secondary education and a training course approved by EAMA;
   3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) a registered in the respective Directorate of river inspection training record book, whenever the person has completed higher education;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1;
4. for skipper of a small vessel along the Danube river:
   1. completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. training practice during the training course;
   3. successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1;
5. for Engineer officer in inland navigation:
   1. higher education in Marine engineering, Bachelor’s degree or high vocational education in Marine engineering with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired;
   2. competency of seaman-motorman or ship’s motorman, whenever the applicant has high vocational education in Marine engineering with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired;
   3. two months of onboard training as a cadet or assistant engineer officer on a vessel sailing on inland waterways powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW and more, whenever the person has higher education or two years as seaman-motorman, whenever the person has completed high vocational education in Marine engineering with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired;
   4. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) a registered in the respective Directorate of river inspection training record book, whenever the person has completed higher education;
   5. successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1;
6. for Electrical officer in inland navigation:
   1. high vocational education in Ship’s electrical engineering, Electrical power supply and electrical equipment of water transport, or other similar specialties associated with heavy-current electrical industry;
   2. two months of onboard training as apprentice electrician on a motor vessel sailing on inland waterways
   3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) a registered in the respective Directorate of river inspection training record book, whenever the person has completed higher education;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1, whenever the person has completed secondary education in specialty different than ship’s electrical engineering, electrical equipment of industrial enterprises;
7. for seaman-motorman:
   1. high vocational education in Marine engineering with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired or secondary education and completed training course approved by EAMA;
   2. two months of onboard training , whenever the person has completed high vocational education in Marine engineering with third degree of qualification in the speciality acquired, or two years service as seaman on a motor vessel sailing on inland waterways, whenever the person has completed secondary education and training course approved by EAMA;
   3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) a registered in the respective Directorate of river inspection training record book, whenever the person has completed higher education;
   4. successfully passed examination before a committee under article 63, para. 1, whenever the person has completed secondary education and training course approved by EAMA;

**Section ІІ**

**RIGHTS TO SERVE IN CAPACITIES ON VESSELS SAILING ON INLAND WATERWAYS OF EUROPE**

**Article 46** Seafarers, holding certificates of competency under the provisions in Article 36, may serve in the capacities on vessels sailing on inland waterways as follows:

1. master in inland navigation may serve as :
   1. master of a vessel sailing on inland waterways in areas, for which he holds valid certificate of competency;
   2. boatmaster of a vessel sailing in inland waterways in areas, for which he holds valid certificate of competency;
2. watchkeeping officer may serve as:
   1. watchkeeping office on vessels sailing on inland waterways;
   2. master of ships powered by main propulsion machinery of less than 450 kW propulsion power, in the relevant area of local navigation along the Danube river, provided that the person has completed 21 years of age, twelve months onboard service as watchkeeping officer on vessels sailing on inland waterways, at least sixteen passages through the area for which he applies for certification and successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para. 1;
   3. master of a floating technical craft, provided that the person has completed 21 years of age, twelve months of onboard service as a member of the deck department of vessel sailing on inland waterways, three months out of which onboard floating technical craft;
3. watchkeeping officer general category may serve as:
   1. A/B seaman on a vessel sailing on inland waterways;
   2. skipper of a non self-propelled ship, provided that the person has completed 21 years of age, twelve months of onboard service as a member of the deck department of a vessel sailing on inland waterways, three months out of which onboard of a cargo ship;
4. skipper of a small vessel may serve as:
   1. skipper of a small vessel in local inland navigation;
   2. skipper of recreational crafts on inland waterways of Europe, provided that the applicant has successfully passed examination before a committee under Article 63, para. 2.
5. Engineer officer in inland navigation may serve as an engineer officer on ships of unlimited propulsion power of the ships‘s machinery plant, sailing on inland waterways.
6. Electrical officer in inland navigation may serve as electrical officer on ships of unlimited total generators’ power, sailing on inland waterways of Europe.
7. Seaman /motorman may serve as:
   1. seaman /motorman on vessels sailing on inland waterways of Europe;
   2. engineer officer in inland navigation on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power, after twenty four months service as seaman/motorman on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power and more;
8. In order to serve as a seaman on vessels sailing on inland waterways, the person shall meet one of the following requirements:
   1. completed high vocational education in “Inland navigation”,or
   2. have service on warships or border police ships, or
   3. certificate of competency of Skipper on ships of up to 20 gross tonnage, or
   4. certificate of competence of Skipper of a small vessel, or
   5. successfully completed Basic Maritime training course according to a program approved by EAMA.
   6. thirty six months service on a ship as a member of the deck department;

**CHAPTER VІ**

**TRAINING OF SEAFERERS**

**Section І**

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION OF SEAFARERS**

**Article 47** (1) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) The vocational education, training and qualification of seafarers shall be performed according to the standards, rules and recommendations of the STCW Convention and the Directive 2008/106/EC.

(2) The vocational education, training and qualification of seafarers of inland navigation shall be performed in accordance with the European Union Law and the Recommendations of the Committee for Inland Waterways to the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations Organization, regarding types of education and training of seafarers and their methodological facilitation.

(3) The vocational education, training shall include:

1. higher education in maritime, river and technical specialties;

2. high vocational education in maritime, river and technical specialties;

(4) The training and qualification of seafarers shall include:

1. training courses for acquiring qualification for professions related to the maritime and inland navigation;

2. training courses for acquiring of competency;

3. additional and specialized training courses;

4. onboard training

**Article 48** (1) The vocational education, training and qualification in the field of maritime and inland waterway transport shall be provided by educational and training institutions, established and accredited in accordance with the existing legislation, where training is conducted according to the approved by EAMA plans, programs and facilities, by properly qualified lecturers and instructors who have successfully completed the approved by EAMA training course under the programe of the Model Course 6.09 of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

(2) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) The educators and instructors conducting training using a simulator, and evaluators of competence of the trainees must meet the following requirements:

1. have completed IMO Model Course on training techniques and evaluation using simulators;

2. have practical experience of working with this simulator as acquisition should be certified in writing.

(3) (Former 2 - SG. 84 of 2014) The educational and training institutions under para.1 shall conduct the training in compliance with the State requirements and shall apply in the training process a Quality management system.

(4) (Former 3 - SG. 84 of 2014) The educational and training institutions under para.1 shall select an external and independent recognized organization to audit the applied Quality management system and its compliance with the standard BS EN ISO 9001:2008.

(5) (Former 4 - SG. 84 of 2014) The educational and training institutions shall annually review the compliance of their curricula with the nternational and national requirements, and shall document the outcome of the review in a report.

(6) (Prev. 5, amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) The educational and training institutions shall submit to EAMA the reports for periodical audits and periodic inspections, of their Quality Management System conducted by an authorized external recognized organization, which is independent of the institution, to reach the required standards, and assessments of compliance of the activity, to reach the required standards, the discrepancies and inconsistencies identified corrective actions, and the inspection report under par. 5.

(7) (Prev. 6, amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) The reports under para.6, along with the documentation for evaluation of the Quality management system which is applied and maintained by EAMA shall be submitted to the European Commision within six months after the audit has been conducted and to IMO during the five year period of evaluation of compliance with the STCW Convention.

**Article 49** (1) The high vocational education in the field of maritime and inland waterway transport shall be acquired in high vocational schools, established by the National Education Act and the Regulations on the Implementation thereof, as well as the Vocational Education and Training Act.

(2) The training shall be conducted in accordance with the State educational requirements and the requirements of this Regulation and shall ensure the minimum teaching material volume as provided for the general secondary education as well as for the acquiring of professional qualification degree for the relevant profession from the List of professions for vocational education and training.

(3) The level of qualifications shall also be acquired in licensed vocational training centers under the Vocational Education and Training Act after the approval of curricula, programs and facilities by the National Agency for Vocational Education and Training (National Agency) and EAMA. The training is conducted in accordance with the state educational requirements, national standards of competence and the requirements, lid down in the documents under Art. 49, para. 1 or 2.

**Article 50**(1)The higher education in the field of maritime and inland waterway transport shall be in accordance with the Higher Education Act, the State requirements for acquiring higher education as per educational and qualificational degrees, as well as in compliance with the provisions of this Regulation regarding the training of the persons for the regulated professions.

(2) The training shall ensure the comprehension of minimum volume of teaching material for acquiring higher education in the field of general and special engineering according to the Classifier of areas of higher education and professions.

**Article 51**(1) The courses for acquiring professional qualifications shall be organized and conducted by educational and training institutions and centers for professional training and qualifications, accredited or licensed in accordance with the Higher Education Act, the Vocational Education and Training Act and the National Education Act.

(2) The courses for specialized and additional training under para.1 shall be approved by EAMA. They shall be conducted according to the approved by EAMA programs, training facilities, and qualified lecturers on the specialized subjects.

(3) In order to receive the approval of courses and programs an application shall be submitted to EAMA . The application shall contain the following information:

1. Name of the training institution or centre;

2. Certificate ISO EN 9001/2008, which regulates the activity;

3. Document of accreditation or licensing of the training institution or centre;

4. Program of the school or center, meeting at least the requirements of national standards of competence or program of courses and containing:

a) the title of the course, the corresponding rule in the document that it regulates;

b) the objectives of the course;

c) the preliminary requirements for trainees;

d) the minimum and maximum number of students;

e) a table with detailed classes on topics, lectures and workshops;

f) the type, location, and evaluation criteria;

g) the training of teachers and trainers, as well as of the evaluators of simulators;

h) a detailed inventory of existing facilities for conducting the course;

i) safety measures for implementation of the course;

k) reference literature used to compile the program;

l) the name, surname and signature of the compiler of the program and the head of the center.

5. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) document certifying that the school or center is a personal data controller

(4) In order for the courses for specialized and additional training to be approved an application shall be submitted to EAMA containing the following information:

1. name of the person who organizes the courses;

2. certificate ISO EN 9001/2008, which regulates the activity;

3. program meeting at least the requirements of the national standards of competence or program of courses and containing:

a) course title and the relevant Regulation, which specifies it;

b) course objectives;

c) preliminary requirements which the candidates shall meet, in order to start the

course;

d) minimum and maximum number of trainees;

e) table of the detailed teaching hours classified in topics, lectures and practical training;

f) type of assessment, place and evaluation criteria;

g) qualification of lecturers, instructors and simulators’ assessors;

h) detailed description of the available facilities and equipment for conducting the course;

i) safety measures for the implementation of the course

j) bibliography used for the development of the training program;

k) name and signature of the person who has developed the program and of the Director (the Head) of the training institution or centre;

4. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) document certifying that the school or center is a personal data controller

**Article 52** (1) Courses for acquiring competency shall be organized and conducted by the training institutions and centers under Article 51 (1).

(2) Courses for acquiring a competency under Art. 33, para.5, Art.34, and Art.35, para. 4 shall be organized and conducted by Bulgarian physical or legal entities – merchants as well as a national of the European Union member state, registered as a merchant according to it’s national legislation as well as co-operatives, associations and foundations.

(3) Courses under para.1 and 2 shall be approved by EAMA and shall be conducted in accordance with approved by EAMA national standards of competency and programs. The list of approved centers and courses shall be published on the official Internet website of EAMA.

(4) EAMA shall perform an evaluation of compliance with the legislative requirements and shall issue an order for approval of the courses to be conducted under para. 1 and 2, after the applications including the following information have been submitted:

1. name of the person conducting the courses

2. document of accreditation or licensing – as regards training institutions or centers, entity identification number – as regards physical and legal entities;

3. title of the course.

(5) Applications under para. 4 shall be accompanied by the documents, which shall include the following information:

1. course objectives;

2. preliminary requirements, which the candidates shall meet in order to start the course;

3. minimum and maximum number of trainees

4. prior approved programs, containing at least the requirements of stated national standards on competency and programs;

5. table that includes detailed teaching hours classified in topics, lect lectures and practical training;

6. type, place and evaluation criteria;

7. qualification of lecturers, instructors and assessors;

8. detailed description of the facilities and equipment available for conducting the course.

9. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) document certifying that the school or center is a personal data controller

**Article 53** (1)(Amend. and suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) Executive Director of EA "MA" or a person authorized by him within 7 days from the date of filing the application with the complete package of art. 51, para. 3 and 4 and art. 52, para. 4 and 5 appoints a commission, which checks the identification of the stated circumstances and their compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

(2) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) When requested training using a simulator, at least one member of the commission under par. 1 must be passed IMO model course on training techniques and evaluation using simulators

(3)(Former 2 - SG. 84 of 2014)The committee shall prepare a Report on the inspection done with their final conclusions stated therein.

**Article 54** (1) The Executive Director of EAMA shall issue an order for approval of conducting of courses for a period of 3 years or motivated denial and notify the institution no later than 30 days from the receipt of the set of documents.

(2) Any denial under para.2 shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the Code on Administrative Legal Proceedings.

(3) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) The person under Art. 52, para. 1 and 2 is obliged to notify in writing the EA "MA" for the occurrence of the circumstances under Art. 51, para. 3 pt. 4, letters "g" and "h", para. 4 pt. 3, letters "g" and "h" and Art. 52, para. 5, pt. 7 and 8. Within 14 days "MA" EA investigate and rule on the changes.

(4) In case of failure to comply with the provisions of para. 3 the order under para. 1 shall be repealed.

**Article 55** (1) The order under Art. 54 shall be canceled in the following cases:

1. the order was issued based on false document or on document containing false information, based on the final verdict or judgment;

2. the order ceases to meet the requirements of Art. 51, para. 2;

3. upon the request of the person.

(2) The rights acquired by the order under Art. 54 shall be suspended for a period of 6 months, when it is established that the persons under Art. 51 and 52 have admitted systematic violations regarding the keeping of records concerning the presence of students, as well as have identified other systematic violations of the requirements of the approved program and rules laid down in this Regulation.

**Article 56** (1) Trainees’ attendance to courses of special and additional training, and evaluation for acquiring qualification in professions for maritime and inland navigation and training courses for certification shall be recorded in an Attendance Record Book - part of the quality management system of the training institution, which contains at least the information listed in Annex № 11.

(2) The attendance of participants of the courses will be documented for each class separately via a journal entry under para. 1 to ten minutes for every hour.

(3) A trainee who has been absent for more than 10 % of the total duration of the course shall not be permitted to go in for exams.

**Article 57** Practical training for maneuvering with tugboats shall be carried out in accordance with a program, approved by EAMA and shall be conducted by duly certified masters of tugboats with a seagoing service of at least five years.

**Article 58 (**1)EAMA shall annually carry out planned and extraordinary inspections for evaluation of compliance and make an independent evaluation of the training institutions providing maritime education, training and qualification with regard to the implementation of the criteria set forth in Art. 51, Art. 52, Art. 60 and Art. 61.

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) The results of Inspections under para.1 shall be recorded in a report, a copy of which shall be available to the educational institution.

(3) In determining the inconsistencies with the requirements of this Regulation the same shall be recorded in the report and EAMA shall identify the measures and deadlines for their removal and shall make re-inspection.

(4) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) In case of non-rectification of the non-conformities within the deadline under para.3, EAMA shall refuse the issue of certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency and other documentary evidencies of the trainees, while notifying in writing the training institution for the refusal. EAMA shall according to Art. 52, para. 3 register the termination of the conducting of the particular course on the list.

(5) Based on the findings in the report under para. 2 EAMA shall prepare an independent evaluation in accordance with para. 1.

**Section ІІ**

**TRAINING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND CENTERS PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF SEAFERES**

**Article 59** (1) The training facilities and equipment of the institutions and centers for professional education and qualification providing training in specialties for service onboard ships shall be adequate to the programs in order to achieve knowledge, proficiency and skills of seafarers on subjects, professions and specialties for which the relevant institution conducts the training.

(2) The training equipment shall meet the requirements of labor protection, safety rules and hygiene standards.

(3) In order to ensure the quality and complete training process on the relevant subjects, the training equipment of institutions and centers for maritime training and qualification shall include the following:

1. auxiliary methodological documentation, including teaching, technical and specialized literature;

2. visual methodological facilities;

3. audio-visual facilities;

4. models of the equipment under study;

5. control and measuring appliances;

6. computer equipment with program products ensuring training in topics;

7. training facilities and simulators demonstrating or providing practice, partially or thoroughly specific operation regimes, situations, procedures and functional characteristics;

**Article 60** In order to conduct approved training the training institutions and centers shall be equipped with classrooms, offices and laboratories that meet the following requirements**:**

1. work space for all trainees shall be in line with applicable standards;
2. be equipped with auxiliary training appliances (black / white board, screen, computers, multimedia and other presentation appliances, etc.);
3. be in line with the established standards for using computer techniques, in case if the classroom is intended for computer classes;
4. be in line with the established additional requirements of labor protection, technical and fire-fighting safety, in case if the classroom is intended for technical classes;
5. efficient functioning of the simulators, specified by the manufacturer be ensured, in case if the classroom is equipped with training facilities or simulators;

**Article 61** (1) For conducting the training shall be only used simulators for training and assessment of competence approved by the EAMA.

(2) EAMA shall approve the simulators when the simulators meet the following operational standards:

1. to re-produce to a satisfactory extent the relevant ship’s equipment, in accordance with the requirements of approved by the Executive Director of EAMA qualification, including to re-create operational, distress and other specific situations at sea, corresponding to the training aims;

2. to ensure an interaction between the trainee (the person to be assessed), the equipment and the instructor (the assessor) in a way to afford control, recording and consequent analysis (assessment) of the trainee’s (of the person to be assessed) activities.

3. the assessment of the trainee to be able to be generated by the simulator, without any interference of the instructor or of the assessor;

4. the simulator and its software have been approved or recognized as complying with the requirements of the classification societies recognized by the European Union or the administration of the MS of the European Union;

5. the simulator has passed the periodic inspection as specified by the manufacturer, an authorized person.

(3) The goals and objectives of training using a simulator shall be set in within the framework of the program and they shall be most closely associated with the practice..

**Article 62 (**1)The procedures of training and assessment of the competency of the trainees when using approved simulator with the view of safety and efficient performance of the tasks shall provide:

1. the trainees with the following prior information:
   1. training aims and tasks;
   2. knowledge and skills that shall be acquired;
   3. knowledge and skills that shall be assessed and evaluation criteria;
2. Clear and explicit instruction manual of the simulator shall be provided;

(2) The intensity and the duration of the simulator-based training shall be according to the recommendations of the manufacturer.

**Section ІІ**

**PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS (in force since 01.09.2012)**

**Article 63** (1)Examinations for acquiring a competency, gaining rights, revocation of restriction or of confirmation of certificates of competency shall be carried out under by examination committees, at regular and extraordinary exam sessions, defined by an order of the Executive Director of EAMA or a person authorized thereof;

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Commissions under par. 1 are formed by employees of EA "MA". At least one member of the commission must hold maritime competency equal to or higher than that for which conducted the test and at least one has completed successfully Model Course 3.12 IMO and satisfy the requirements of section A-I / 6 a-I / 8 of the Code STCW.

(3) The examination programs and the assessment criteria of the candidates for each license shall be announced every year by the end of January.

(4) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) corresponding Directorate "MA" / Directorate “River inspection” which conducts the exam, announced no less than 2 dates within the next 30 days, which are announced on the notice board Directorate or the website of EA "MA".

(5) In order to sit for the exam the applicant shall submit an application stating one of the advertised under par. 4 dates at least 5 working days before the date of examination.

(6) (Amend. and suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) corresponding Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" which conducts the exam, announced two days before the dates of the examinations the names of candidates admitted to the exam and schedule the examination of the information board or on the website of EA "MA".

**Article 64** (1) The exam shall take place in especially equipped halls of EAMA verbally or using computer stations connected to the information system of EAMA designed for conducting examinations containing examination questions and tasks, specialized computer programs and simulators.

(2) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Working premises, ships, tools and materials necessary to conduct practical tests can be provided by shipowners, trade organizations and educational institutions at the written request of the Director of the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection".

**Article 65** (1) The examination halls under Art. 64, para. 1 shall comply with the health and safety at work requirements as required by the Health and Safety at Work Act and the regulations issued for its implementation.

(2) The halls under para. 1 shall be equipped with a system for video and audio monitoring meeting the following requirements:

1. to provide records of visuals, sounds, date and time with the possibility of further consideration and listening to recordings of the exam;

2. the arrangement of the cameras shall be such as to provide a record of all the actions of the participants in the test;

3. to provide a continuous record during the theory test, and upon termination of the recording, automatically to turn the light and the sound;

4. also to monitor the exam in real time and to provide free access to the monitor.

**Article 66** (1) In order to be able to sit for an exam the candidates shall advance a payment under Tariff № 5 for fees collected by the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications (Tariff № 5), approved by Decree № 81 of 2000 (promulgated SG. 41 2000, last amended. issue. 96 of 2011).

(2) If the applicant fails to appear, terminate its participation in the session or is suspended, the paid exam fee shall not be refunded.

**Article 67** (1) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) In addition to the application of art. 63, para. 5 the applicant shall submit documents certifying the fulfillment of conditions required for acquiring the capacity for which a person applies, and document fee paid under Tariff № 5.

(2) (suppl. - SG. 81 of 2013, in force from 17.09.2013) When the information required under para. 1 is officially known / available in EAMA, the same shall be certified officially. The information under para.1 shall be certified officially in cases where it is already established, collected, modified or deleted by another administrative authority within the statutory powers, but it is officially known / available to EAMA.

(3) The relevant territorial D "MA" shall check the validity of the documents submitted by the candidates.

(4) Based on the examination made under para.3 a list of the candidates admitted to the sit for the examination shall be made.

(5) (New - SG. 84 of 2014, amended - SG. 83 of 2015) Where inspection under par. 3 established that the applicant does not qualify for admission to the examination, the Director of the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" provides a reasoned refusal, which can be appealed under the Administrative Code, the Executive Director of EA "MA" in 14 days after its announcement.

(6) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) If an appeal against a refusal is upheld, the applicant is allowed to test for the stated capacity of the first after the scheduled date of the examination.

(7) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) In cases of enforced refusal paid state fee will not be refunded.

**Article 68** (1) The examinations shall be conducted by function and verbally, written and / or practical depending on the competency .

(2) The examinations conducted using computer -based tests shall be conducted using the Information System of EAMA with computer tests, case studies, problems and / or assignments covering all issues of competence from an approved program for the certification exam .

(3) The practical examinations for qualifying for navigation on inland waterways in Europe shall be conducted on a ship on which for the particular competency shall be required, for which the candidate wishes to sit for, by appointed by the chairman of the examination committee persons. The exam is up to 12 months prior to the acquisition of the competency .

(4) The practical examination under para. 3 may also be carried out in a simulator according to an approved by EAMA program.

**Article 69** (1) The test questions shall be prepared by EAMA.

(2) The EAMA may approve and include in the information system for conducting exams test questions prepared by maritime and inland waterway transport schools and centers, professional organizations and seafarers.

(3) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) test questions are published on the website of EA "MA".

(4) Computer tests shall be generated automatically for each candidate from published under para. 3 Test Questions .

(5) The result of the examination with a computer test shall be automatically generated by the information system of EAMA for the conduct of examinations.

**Article 70** (1) Prior to the commencement of the test the members of the Board of Examiners:

1. shall check whether the system for video and audio monitoring is functioning;

2. shall verify the identity of applicants;

3. shall provide guidance for the conduct of the examination and declaring the rights and obligations of the applicants;

4.shall conduct documented safety instructions when such is necessary;

5. shall in the case of attempted fraud on the part of the candidate sitting for an exam, suspend the candidate from the exam and the exam session shall be canceled.

(2) No individuals without ID and persons arriving after the beginning of the exam shall be permitted to sit for the test.

(3) Persons who do not comply with the rules of the examination shall not be eligible to take the exam within the next 12 months.

**Article 71** In order to pass successfully the exam, the applicant shall prove that the candidate has mastered the subject to the extent that precludes an action or inaction to cause an accident or damage to persons, ship or cargo or to cause pollution to the marine environment in the performance of duties connected for which the candidate is applying, repealing a restriction or a confirmation of competence.

**Article 72** (1) The examination for acquiring competency consists of a computer-based test for each function.

(2) A candidate shall be considered as successfully passed the test when the candidate has answered not less than 85% of the questions correctly or has collected a certain number of points.

(3) Persons shall be permitted to sit for an oral examination in the function only when they have passed the test in accordance with para. 2.

(4) The practical test for pilots and captains of tugs shall be conducted in real terms by performing actual maneuvers.

**Article 73** (1) Where the examination of a function includes several exams - oral, written and / or practical, the overall assessment shall be "passed" when the applicant has been assessed as "passed" in all the tests.

(2) The overall evaluation of the Committee on an exam shall be "passed" when 2/3 of its members have placed the "passed" mark.

**Article 74** The applicant has passed the examinations for acquiring competency, repealing the restriction or confirming the competency only when the applicant has successfully passed the exam for each function for the given competency.

**Article 75** (1) An applicant who has not passed an examination on any function or module in English for the competence shall be entitled to resit the exam not earlier than 1 month after the date of the examination.

(2) An applicant who in one year has not successfully passed the test for all functions shall resit the exams in all functions for the specific competency.

**Article 76** (1) Each examination Committee shall prepare a record of the examinations carried out (Annex № 12) for the corresponding date in two identical copies.

(2) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Protocols and all other written documents of the candidates are collected in a separate case and stored two years in the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" where the test was conducted.

**Article 77** (1) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Minutes of examinations for obtaining the license and rights are approved by the Executive Director of EA "MA" or a person authorized by him and kept for a period of 50 years, one copy in the archives of EA "MA" and in the D "MA" / D "PH" where he conducted examinations.

(2) In the case of infringement related to the acquisition of the competency the Executive Director of EAMA shall, under para. 1, delete from the record the person for whom violations are ascertained.

(3) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Minutes of examinations for confirmation or cancellation of other restrictions reissue of certificates of proficiency, certificates of competency or endorsements attesting the recognition of a certificate are approved by the Director of the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" and stored for a period of five years in the archives of this Directorate "MA" and in the archives of EA "MA".

**Article 78** (1) An applicant who fails the examination may file an objection to the Executive Director of EAMA in 14 days from the date of the examination.

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Executive Director of EA "MA" by order determines a permanent committee (or committees) as a subsidiary body carrying out inspection under any objections.

(3) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Commission (or commissions) under par. 2 is formed by employees of EA "MA". At least one member of the commission must hold maritime competency equal to or higher than that for which it was conducted examination and at least one has completed successfully Model Course 3.12 IMO and satisfy the requirements of section A-I/6 and A-I/8 of the Code STCW. The same employee can not be both a member of the art. 63, para. 1 conducted the exam and the Committee on par. 2 testing check on the objections of the participants in the same exam candidates.

(4) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) the Commission under par. 2 examines the objection within 14 days of its receipt and prepares a reasoned opinion to the Executive Director.

(5) (Prev. 3, amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) Based on the opinion paragraph. 4 Executive Director of EA "MA" rule by announcing the candidate for the exam or reject the opposition.

**Article 79** (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Seafarers included in the approved protocol under Art. 76, para. 1 shall be issued a certificate of competency (certificate of proficiency) or lifting the restrictions upon presentation of a medical certificate of medical fitness.

**CHAPTER VІІ**

**REGISTRATION OF SEAFARERS AND CERTIFICATES**

**Article 80** EAMA shall keep Register of all Seafarers; Register of the competent seafarers and Register of their certificates, as follows:

1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) registers of competent seafarers with competency “Skipper of a seagoing vessel of up to 40 GT” and “Skipper of craft intended for sport and pleasure” - in the Directorate "Maritime Administration - Varna", Directorate "Maritime Administration - Burgas" and in the Directorate "International and national regulations of shipping "(D "INRS "), depending on the venue of the examination for obtaining the competency;
2. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) registers of competent seafarers with capacity “Skipper of a small vessel” - in the Directorate "River inspection” – Rousse, Directorate "River inspection” - Lom, depending on venue exam for obtaining the competency;
3. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) a register of competent seafarers with capacity other than that of item. 1 and 2 - in the D "INRS "
4. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) Registers of certificates of competency of the seafarers - in the respective Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection"
5. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) Registers of the issued endorsements for recognition of the certificates of competency, that have been issued by the authorities of a foreign country – in the respective Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection".

**Article 81** (1)Registers shall be kept in paper and electronic database, and the following data for every seafarer shall be entered under an unique number:

1. Seafarer’s names;
2. Sex;
3. date of birth;
4. place of birth;
5. permanent address;
6. nationality;
7. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) personal identification number or personal number of foreigner; for foreign nationals not established permanently in the country - personal number of the identity document of a foreigner;
8. The number, date of issue and training institution or centre issuing documents, attesting educational degree, qualification or specialty;
9. competency and grounds for acquiring

(2) Entries into the registers under para.1 shall be done by an official of EAMA.

(3) Seafarers’ Registers shall be kept on a permanent basis.

**Article 82 (1)** The register under Article 80, item.4 shall be comprised of the seafarers’ files (Annex No.13), containing data under Article 81 (1), a photograph of the person and data, as follows:

1. the term of validity of the certificate;
2. the limitations for service in a capacity;
3. the dispensations issued under article 19, para.2;
4. the certificates of additional and specialized training issued;
5. the medical fitness certificates necessary for the issue of a certificate of competency;
6. the name of ship on the board of which the person is serving, her IMO number or Inland Identification Number, her gross tonnage for maritime ships, type of the ship, propulsion power of the ship’s power plant, total generators’ power and her area of navigation;
7. position for which the competency is required or which enables the acquisition of the capacity in which the person is serving onboard ship, level of responsibility and functions, sign-on and sign-off date, total period of service recognized as service onboard ship;
8. the number of the Seaman’s Passport and term of its validity;
9. the number of the Seaman’s Discharge Book or Seaman’s Service Book

(2) (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) data under par. 1, p. 6 and 7 are entered upon submission of note (Annex № 17) issued by the master, the shipowner or intermediary that the person appointed to the vessel and the job, crew list, sailor / official book, individual contract employment or any other document attesting to the circumstances and upon release on the basis of presentation of the note (Annex № 14) issued by the ship's captain, sailor / official license, crew list or other document attesting to the circumstances.

(3) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) documents under par. 2, except Seaman / official book shall be kept for a period of two years from the date of their respective Directorate "MA" / Directirate "River inspection".

(4) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Seafarers present in the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" seaman's book for entering data in the same seagoing board not less frequently than once every two years, but official book - not less frequently than once a year.

(4) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) sailor records are stored in the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" until the age of 90 years the person then transmits archived.

**CHAPTER VІІІ**

**THE ISSUANCE AND EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY, CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY AND OTHER EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS AND ENDORSEMENTS(Title. Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015).**

**Article 83(1)** EAMA shall issue certificates of competency to seafarers, as follows:

1. certificates of competency for service on seagoing ships:
   1. of ocean going and near-costal voyages (Annex 15);
   2. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) skipper / engineer of a fishing vessel in coastal navigation (Annex № 16 and № 16a – in English language);
2. certificates of competency for service on vessels sailing in inland waterways (Annex 18);
3. certificates of competency of pilots and masters of tugboats (Annex 19);
4. certificates of competency of Skipper of a vessel of up to 40 gross tonnage (Annex No.20);
5. certificates of competency of Skipper of a recreational craft (Annex 21);
6. certificates of competency of Skipper of a small vessel (Annex No.22);
7. endorsements attesting the recognition of a foreign certificate of competency for service onboard seagoing ships (Annex 23);
8. endorsement attesting the recognition of a foreign certificate of competency for service onboard vessels sailing in inland waterways of Europe (Annex 24);
9. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended And suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) certificates of proficiency for additional and special training for working on the inland waterways of Europe;
10. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) certificates of proficiency for passed additional and special training for Sea;
11. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) certificates of proficiency for seafarers of the support level

(2) (New - SG. 83 of 2015) Initial issuance of the certificates under par. 1, p. 1-3 is performed under the following conditions:

1. acquired competency;

2. medical fitness;

3. presence of a certificates of proficiency, where required.

(3) (New - SG. 84 of 2014 previous paragraph. 2 - SG. 83 of 2015) In the certificates under Art. 83, para. 1 pt. 1 and their endorsements are entered restrictions (if any) in respect of the type and / or tonnage of the vessel navigation area, type and / or power of main propulsion machinery to work with means of automatic radar plotting aid (ARPA) , electronic navigational chart display and information systems (ECDIS) and / or automatic identification system (AIS), medical restrictions and others.

(4) (New - SG. 84 of 2014, the previous paragraph. 3 - SG. 83 of 2015) In the certificate for a coastal navigation it is placed a sticker with a map of the area for which it is valid.

(5) (New - SG. 84 of 2014, the previous paragraph. 4, amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) The certificates under par. 1, p. 9-11 include:

1. Certificates of proficiency for passed additional and specialized training for sea:

a. inscription "Republic of Bulgaria Executive Agency" Maritime Administration ";

b. number and name of the certificate of proficiency;

c. full name, PID number, date of birth and photograph of the seafarer - holder of the license;

d. full name of the course undergone with writing the rule (or rules) of the STCW Convention and Code of STCW;

e. limitations (if any) - Medical, as regards the type of vessel, the navigation area and others;

f. date of issue and date to which the license is valid;

g. name, surname and signature of duly authorized official of the issuing authority and stamp of the administration;

h. data for communication with the issuing Administration - seat and address, email address and the official website;

i. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) for certificates under p. 9 - signature of the holder;

2. Certificates of proficiency for seafarer of the support level:

a. inscription "Republic of Bulgaria Executive Agency" Maritime Administration ";

b. number and name of the certificate of proficiency;

c. full name, PID number, date of birth and photograph of the seafarer - holder of the license;

d. full name of the competency with writing the rule (or rules) of the STCW Convention and Code of STCW;

e. functions and level of competency for the implementation of which the holder is qualified;

f. imposed by administrative restrictions in performing its functions, if any;

g. capacity or capacities that a person can take, and restrictions, if imposed by the administration;

h. register number;

i. date of issue and date to which the license is valid;

j. signature, name and surname of the duly authorized official of the issuing authority and stamp of the administration;

k. signature of the holder;

l. data for communication with the issuing Administration - seat and address, email address and the official website.

(6) (New - SG. 84 of 2014, the previous paragraph. 5, amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) The shape, size, layout and printing performance of the documents under par. 1, p. 9-11 are determined by order of the Executive Director of EA "MA".

(7) (Former 2 Am. - SG. 84 of 2014, the previous paragraph. 6 - SG. 83 of 2015) Evidence under par. 1, p. 4-6 and 9-11 are issued under the following conditions:

1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) the person is included in the previously presented in the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" list of participants;

2. the person has successfully completed the course and is included in the approved minutes of the exam.

(8) (Prev. 3 - SG. 84 of 2014, the previous paragraph. 7 - SG. 83 of 2015) Where the validity of the certificate has expired and for the issuance of a new certificate the existence of a seagoing service is required "MA" EA issue a new certificate after official verification requirements seagoing service.

**Article 84** (1) (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) Certificates of competency, with the exception of those under art. 83, para. 1 pt. 2, 4-6 and 8 shall be signed by the Executive Director of EA "MA" or a person authorized by him.

(2) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015) Endorsements of certificates of competency under art. 21, certificates of proficiencies and other equivalent documents shall be signed by the Director of Directorate "INRS", Director of the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" or by an authorized person, depending on the venue of the course;

(3) (Amend. and suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015) Certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency and the endorsements under Art. 83, para. 1, p. 1, 3, 7, 9-11 are stamped with ink stamp EA "MA" with the state coat of arms.

**Article 85** (1)(Am. - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015) Certificates under Art. 83, para. 1, p. 1-3, 7 and 8 are valid for 5 years but not more than the validity of any certificate required to issue. The validity of the certificate for newly acquired under Art. 83, para. 1, p. 1-3 is 5 years from the date of approval of the minutes of the exam.

(2) Certificates of competency under Article 83, para 1, items 4 - 6 shall be valid for a period of up to ten years.

(3) The endorsements of certificates of competency shall be valid up to five years, but it shall not exceed the duration of any of the certificates required for the issue of the endorsement.

(4) (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Certificates under art. 83, para. 1, p. 9 are valid as shown in Annex № 2, certificates under art. 83, para. 1, p. 10 are valid as shown in Annex № 1, and certificates under art. 83, para. 1, p. 11 are permanent.

**Article 86** (1) Seafarers shall renew their certificates of competency in the following cases:

1. withdrawal of limitation**,** other change ofthe circumstances on the ground of which the certificates of competency have been issued.
2. expiry of validity of the certificate;
3. change in the status of the seafarer’s certificate, whenever it has been lost or destroyed or declared invalid;

(2) A new certificate shall be issued after submission of the following documentary evidence:

1. (Amend. and supplemented. - SG. 83 of 2015) medical fitness - a valid medical certificate issued by the institution of art. 12 para. 3 or 5;

2. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) continuing competency under Art. 30 pt. 1-8, art. 31 pt. 1-7 and art. 32, para. 1-4;

3. (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) undergo a refresher course for special or additional training, when required in accordance with Annex № 1.

(3) (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) A new certificate may be issued before the expiry of its validity without a change of circumstances when the person will work on a ship at the time of expiry. This provision applies provided that the expiry of the validity period of the certificate remains no more than six months.

(4) (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) to be issued or reissued a certificate valid after 1.01.2017, the seafarers whose curriculum does not include relevant background should pass courses approved by EA "MA" as follows:

1. (Amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) for seafarers from a deck department of management and operational level - "Use of RADAR and ARPA to ensure safe navigation", "Bridge Resource Management and Teamwork", "Navigational using ECDIS & AIS", “Marine Environmental Awareness", "Proficiency for seafarers with designated security duties";

2. (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) for members of the deck department of the support level - "Security-awareness training" and "Marine Environmental Awareness";

3. (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) for seafarers from the engine department of management and operational levels - "Engine room resource management and teamwork", "Monitor the operations of main and auxiliary machinery and associated control systems", " Proficiency for seafarers with designated security duties", "Marine Environmental Awareness" and for electromechanics and "Safe operation and maintain power systems in excess of 1000 volts"

4. (Suppl. - SG. 83 of 2015) for seafarers of the engine department from support level - "Security-awareness training" and "Marine Environmental Awareness".

**Article 87.** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) (1) Continuing competency is demonstrated by performing one of the following requirements:

1. presence of seagoing service total of at least 12 months during the last five years in implementing the functions specified in the certificate;

2. presence of seagoing service total of at least 3 months within the last 6 months prior to the issuance of a new certificate in the performance of the functions specified in the certificate;

3. presence of seagoing experience in a position in management or operational level of responsibility, a notch lower than the owned capacity, lasting no less than three months realized immediately before the application for issuance of a new certificate;

4. presence of seagoing experience as a trainee to a position corresponding to his own capacity, lasting no less than three months realized immediately before the application for issuance of a new certificate;

5. a certificate of satisfactory completion of verification approved by EAMA;

6 . successfully passed exam of EAMA in an approved program.

(2) Continuing competence in respect of certificates of proficiency for work on tankers for members of management and operational levels is demonstrated through the implementation of one of the following requirements:

1. Availability of approved seagoing service in the performance of functions of the type tanker specified in the certificate of professional competence or in its confirmation with a total duration of at least three months for the past five years;

2. Certificate of satisfactory completion of course approved by EA "MA".

**Article 88** (1) Certificates under art. 83, para. 1, items 4-6 shall be issued after verification of medical fitness of the candidates.

(2) (Repealed. - SG. 84 of 2014)

**Article 89 (1)** (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Extension of validity of the certificate under Art. 83, para. 1, p. 1, letter "a" is performed before the expiry of the certificate of Directors of the respective Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" where the person is registered, subject to the terms of art. 86, para. 2.

(2) Upon expiration of the period of validity of certificates of competency new certificates shall be issued under Art. 86.

**Article 90** (1)(Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) When a pilot is not served for a period of more than one year for each of those years must perform 15 maneuvers under the guidance of an instructor pilot in the list of pilot-instructors approved by the Director of the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" for admission for appointment.

(2) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) When a pilot is not served for a period of more than five years, he must perform 80 maneuvers under the guidance of an instructor pilot in the list of pilot instructors approved by the Director of the Directorate "MA" / D "River inspection" for admission for appointment.

**Article 91** When the master of the tug was not served for a period of 3 years and above he must perform 30 maneuvers assumption of office.

**CHAPTER ІX**

**RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY, CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF OTHER COUNTRY. VERIFICATION OF THE AUTHENTICITY AND VALIDITY OF BULGARIAN CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY (Title. Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014)**

**Section І**

**RECOGNINTION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY FOR SERVICE ONBOARD SEAGOING SHIPS**

**Article 92** (1) In case the seafarer is holding a certificate of competency, or certificates of additional and specialized training, which have been issued by the administration of a state included in the List published in the Official Journal of European Union, EAMA, on behalf of the Republic of Bulgaria as a host Member State, shall issue an endorsement of seafarer’ cerficate of competence after that:

1. Seafarer shall submit an application accompanied by the certificate of competency and its endorsement, valid medical fitness certificate, Identity Document and receipt for paid fee;

2. The administration issued the certificate and its endorsement verifies their authenticity and validity.

(2) Whenever the seafarer under para. 1 meets the requirements, an endorsement of the certificate under Article 84, para. 2, shall be issued (according to Regulation І/10 of STCW), for service onboard in a capacity stated in his certificate of competency.

(3) The term of validity of the endorsement issued by EAMA shall not exceed the the term of validity of the certificate of competency or its endorsement.

(4) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) When recognizing the country included in the list of countries recognized under Directive 2008/106 / EC shall be withdrawn issued before the withdrawal of "MA" EA confirmation certificates such State remain valid until the expiry of the period specified therein validity. Such acknowledgments may not be republished and their validity can not be extended.

**Article 93**(1) EAMA may issue an endorsement of the certificate to the seafarer who will be serving onboard Bulgarian flying ships, and is holding a certificate of competency or certificates of additional and specialized training, issued by an administration of state that is not included in the List published in the Official Journal of European Union.

(2) The application for recognition of the certificate of competency, issued by the administration of the state under para. 1 shall be submitted by the owner of the ship, flying Bulgarian flag.

(3) In case of substantial interest of a Bulgarian ship-owner to be recognized the certificates of competency, issued by the administration of state that is not in the List under para.1, EAMA shall submit detailed request to the European Commission for assessment of that administration for the purpose of recognition of the certificates of competency.

(4) EAMA shall not submit proposals to the European Commission for recognition of certificates, issued by the administration of a state that is not included in the “White list” of states, recognized by the IMO.

(5) In order to recognize certificates under para.1, and after an application under para. 2 has been received, EAMA shall submit motivated proposals to the European Commission with request for assessment of the Seafares’ training and certification system of the respective state.

(6) EAMA may issue an endorsement of the seafarers’ certificates of competency, after the proposal under para.5 has been submitted. The validity of endorsements issued shall not exceed three months.

(7) In case of positive opinion of the European Commission, a bilateral agreement between EAMA and the administration of respective Party to the STCW Convention shall be prepared.

(8) EAMA shall notify the European Commission and IMO for the undersigning of bilateral agreement.

**Article 94 (1)** (amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) the Republic of Bulgaria may terminate the agreement under Art. 93, para. 7, where it is found violating the terms of the agreement.

**(2)** (New - SG. 84 of 2014) In the cases under par. 1 confirmations of certificates of such a state issued by EA "MA" before termination of the agreement shall remain valid until the expiry of the period specified therein validity. Such acknowledgments may not be republished and their validity can not be extended.

**(3)** (Prev. 2 Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) For the circumstances under par. 1 and 2 EA "MA" inform the European Commission, IMO and the country with which the agreement was concluded.

**Article 94a** (New - SG. 84 of 2014) (1) (amend. - SG. 83 of 2015) the Republic of Bulgaria may enter into an agreement with another state - member of the European Union or another party STCW Convention on mutual implementation of the provisions of the STCW Convention on near-coastal voyages. In the agreement explicitly are specified the details of the respective areas for coastal shipping.

(2) Republic of Bulgaria may terminate the agreement under par. 1 when he finds a breach of the terms of the agreement, including if it does not comply with the principles governing coastal voyages specified in section A-I/3 of the Code STCW.

**Article 94b** (New - SG. 84 of 2014) (1) A seafarer holding a certificate of competency for coastal voyages, issued by the administration of the state - member of the European Union or by the STCW Convention for its defined borders cabotage, EA "MA" shall endorse the certificate when the person will work on a ship in coastal voyages within the meaning of § 6 para. 2 of the additional provisions provided that the Republic of Bulgaria and the State - publisher of the testimony, has concluded agreement under Art. 94a para. 1 and having:

1. The safarer makes an application with following attachements: certificate of competency and its endorsement, valid certificate of medical fitness, identity document, document for paid fee;
2. Administration issued the certificate and its endorsement, verifying their authenticity.

(2) The validity of issued endorsement under par. 1 can not be longer than the period of validity of the license or endorsement to the certificate.

(3) In the cases of art. 94a para. 2 issued by EA "MA" before termination of the agreement endorsements of certificates remain valid until the expiry of the period specified therein validity. Such acknowledgments may not be republished and their validity can not be extended.

**Section ІІ**

**RECOGNINTION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY FOR SERVICE ONBOARD VESSELS SAILING IN INLAND WATERWAYS**

**Article 95** (1) Seafarers holding certificates of competency or certificates for additional and specialized training for service onboard vessels carrying cargo and passengersby inland waterwaysof Europe, issued by the administration of an European Union member–state shall apply to EAMA in order to receive recognition of their rights for service in a relevant capacity onboard vessel flying Bulgarian flag.

(2**)** In case the competency of the candidate for recognition of certificate does not meet all requirements in accordance with Chapter 5 for service in relevant capacity, and in case the differences can not be overcomed by the provisions under Articles 100 and 101, the competency shall be partially recognized and the seafarer shall serve onboard only in capacities, for which he/she has been found competent.

**Article 96** (1) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) The qualification of the candidate for recognition of the testimony of art. 95 is certified by one of the following documents:

1. diploma for completed secondary or higher education;
2. certificate of professional qualification;
3. certificate of competency, issued for capacities on board ship, exercising of which requires competency;

(2) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" may require the applicant for recognition of art. 95 apply to the documents under par. 1 further evidence of the content and progress of education and training issued by the competent authority of the country concerned.

(3) All the documents in relation with the recognition shall be submitted in original or notarized copy, along with their translation in Bulgarian language provided by licensed interpretor.

**Article 97** EAMA shall not refuse to Bulgarian citizen, or citizen of an European Union Member –State who has obtained relevant competency in European Union Member -State, to occupy the relevant capacity as per chapter three under the same conditions as the Bulgarian citizen, who have acquired competency in the Republic of Bulgaria, by reason of lack of sufficient qualification when the candidate for recognition:

1. holds diploma or other document required in some of the European Union member-states for exercising or access to the same capacity on their territories, and that are issued in these States;
2. has worked for at least two years during the last ten years at full working time in that capacity~~,~~ or throughout a period equal to two years full working time in an European Union Member State, in which the capacity is not regulated and holds a document for qualification issued by the respective competent institution.

**Article 98** (1)(Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) the Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" may require the applicant for recognition of art. 95 to prove that professional experience, where the duration of the training relied on the power of art. 99 is less than 1 year of the required length of training for the position in Chapter Three.

(2) The duration of the seagoing service required under para 1. shall not exceed:

1. twice the extend of insufficient period of training, where the insufficient period is related to the cycle of training after the secondary education and/or to the seagoing service under the supervision of a qualified person and attested by successfully passed examination;

2. the period of insufficient seagoing service, where the latter is related to the professional practice accomplished with assistance of a qualified person.

(3) In any case the required seagoing service shall not exceed four years.

**Article 99** (1) (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" may require the applicant for recognition of a certificate pursuant to Art. 95 to undergo an adaptation period or take an aptitude test.

(2) EAMA shall give the candidate for recognition of certificate, the choice between service for adaptation or examination in order to of acquire competency.

(3) The service for adaptation or the examination for acquiring competency shall be required where the education of the candidate for recognition, covers theoretical and/or practical knowledge which ~~i~~essentially differs from the required under Chapter five for the respective capacity .

(4) EAMA shall decide whether the knowledge and skills acquired by the candidate for recognition during his/her labor experience cover partially or fully the differences under para.3.

(5) (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) The aptitude test is conducted under chapter six, section III.

**Article 100(1)** The service for adaptation shall be conducted onboard ship flying Bulgarian flag, under the supervision of a qualified person.

**(2)** The service under para.1 shall include activities defined by an order of the executive director of EAMA.

**(3)** (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) required adaptation period is determined after EA "MA" compare how acquired by the applicant for recognition of art. 95 theoretical knowledge and practical skills match those required under Chapter Five for the position.

**(4)** The service for adaptation shall be reported , registered and evaluated according to Chapter two, Section II.

* 1. The service for adaptation shall not exceed two years

**Article 101(1)** In casethere are specific conditions defined in a legal act in order to work in a certain capacity under chapter three EAMA shall require from the candidate for recognition to submit documents from the competent authorities of the European Union Member State to prove these requirements have been met. When a State does not issue such documents they can be replaced by a declaration on oathorothersimilar declaration legalized by a notary.

**(2)** In case a document for the physical or psychic health is required~~,~~ for working in certain capacity under Chapter three~~,~~ EAMA shall accept as sufficient evidence the submission of a document as required in a European Union Member State.

**(3)** The documents under paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be issued not more than three months prior to the date of submission of the application for recognition.

**Article 102(1)** (Am. - SG. 83 of 2015) Executive Director of EA "MA" is pronounced by a reasoned order in 4 months from the date of submission of the application and all required documents by the applicant for recognition of art. 95.

**(2)** The refusal for recognition under para.1. shall be subject to appeal under the Law Code on the Administrative proceedings.

**Article 103** With regard to any unregulated issues in this Chapter, the Vocational Education and Training Act regulating the recognition of competency for exercising regulated professions in the Republic of Bulgaria, whenever the competency has been acquired by citizens of EU Member States, shall be applicable.

**Section ІIІ**

**VERIFICATION FOR THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE BULGARIAN CERTIFICATES (TITLE AMEND. - SG. 84 of 2014)**

**Article 104** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) (1) The Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" shall verify the authenticity of Bulgarian license and the reliability of the data registered in it at the request of the Administration of State - Party STCW, shipowner or manning-agent.

(2) Inspection under par. 1 is done by collating the information provided by the applicant data with those recorded in the electronic register of seafarers in case of doubt - and those entered in seagoing card of the person and the data contained in the examination protocols and records kept in training institutions.

(3) (Effective from 01/01/2017) The result of the verification under par. 1 is provided by electronic means.

(4) Where the applicant is not the administration and requested a written authentication of Bulgarian certificate of competency and reliability of the data registered in it, must pay the fee provided for in Tariff № 5 for the fees collected by the Ministry of Transport technology and Communications.

**Article 105** When in verification under art. 104, para. 2 it is found that the evidence supplied contain false data to change the data in it, further recordings or erasure or photocopy of the certificate is manipulated in such a way "MA" EA requires the originals and send the same to the prosecution to seek criminal liability.

**CHAPTER X**

**WATCHKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

**Article 106** The master of every ship shall bear responsibility to ensure prior to each leaving of the port that there are sufficient number of seafarers for the first and every next watch, who have the required competency, rested and in good physical condition to perform their duties on watchkeeping safely in compliance with the provisions of Article 88(b) of the Merchant Shipping Code.

**Article 107(1)** The master of every ship shall bear responsibility for the proper route planning and safe navigation during the whole voyage from the port of departure to the last port of call.

**(2)** The master of every ship shall do the voyage planning in the following stages:

**1.** evaluation of the necessary voyage data according to the information sources;

**2.** route planning;

**3.** execution of the plan and determining of the responsibilities;

**(3)** The master of the ship shall plan the route from quay to quay, taking into account all possible sources of information. In case he does not have information for the last port of call of the voyage, the master shall plan the route for that part for which he has information available, and update the plan when receives additional information for the next ports of call and areas of navigation.

**Article 108 (1)** The master of the ship shall bear responsibility for the organization and the proper watchkeeping arrangements during a voyage and while at anchor, and the chief engineer shall also be responsible for the watchkeeping arrangements in the engine room~~.~~.

**(2)** The officers in charge of a navigational watch and watch at anchor shall bear responsibility to organize the execution of the master’s orders, while their execution shall be an obligation of the whole crew.

**Article 109 (1)** Prior to the every route of the voyage, the master of the ship shall give instructions to the officers in charge of a navigational watch.

**(2)** Watchkeeping Officers in their actions, shall adhere to the provisions of the route plan and the master’s orders, in order to ensure the safety of the ship during the voyage;

**(3)** The ship’s master and the Watchkeeping Officers shall be responsible for the safe navigation of the ship.

**Article 110 (1)** The chief engineer shall give instructions to the officers in charge of an engineering watch before every route;

**(2)** The chief engineer officer and the officers in charge of an engineering watch shall bear responsibility for the readiness of the main engine for immediate change of the ship’s motion upon a command from the bridge.

**Article 111** The ship’s master shall be bound to ensure that the ship is fully equipped with appliances needed and updated navigational charts of the areas of the intended voyage.

**Article 112** The ship master’s orders shall be recorded in a special book (Master Standing Orders Book), and shall include instructions for the safety of the ship, crew and marine environment protection during navigational watch and watch at anchor, in particular as regards to:

1. regular determining of the ship’s position and course plotting;
2. keeping the visual and radio-technical observation of the area of navigation and execution of the requirements of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea (COLREG 72) of IMO, IALA and the IAMSAR Mannual of IMO and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO);
3. efficient operation of the aids to navigation, communications, watching and render an accountof the errors of compass, gyro-compass and the radio and navigational aids;
4. navigation in different hydro, meteorological and navigational conditions such as restricted visibility, stormy weather, navigation in shallow waters, narrow channels and coastal waters, navigation by use of a pilot on board, etc
5. the organization and execution of watchkeeping while at anchor and during stay in a port;

**Article 113(1)**The ship master’s orders regarding watchkeeping at night shall be recorded in a special book (Night Orders Book), and shall include instructions for the activities of the Watchkeeping Officers, including cases when the master is not on the bridge.

**(2)** The Watchkeeping officers shall certify with their signature in the Book under para.1 that they have comprehended all master’s orders;

**(3)**  Beside the master the chief engineer and the chief mate may also include additional orders in the Book under para.1;

**Article 114** The ship owner shall apply internal watchkeeping procedures and all crew members shall be familiarized therewith;

**CHAPTER XІ**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHIPOWNERS**

**Article 115 (1)** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014)Prior to assigning seafarers for service on board their ships, the shipowners shall bear responsibility to:

1. require the applicant to submit:
   1. documents required for the position for which the person is applying certifying his competence and / or professional competence in accordance with Annex № 1;
   2. seaman’s (respectively professional) book;
   3. document certifying the medical fitness of the person;
2. to request verification of the authenticity of the documents under p. 1, letter "a" and the validity of entries in these circumstances.

**(2)** (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Shipowners shall ensure that seamans working on their ships have valid documents under par. 1 during the entire period of employment on board the ship.

**(3)** (Prev. 2 Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) Shipowners provide introductory training on the shore of all new crew members to get acquainted with the rules of the company, all procedures and equipment associated with providing personal safety, safety of navigation, protection of the environment from pollution, ship security, as well as their duties in accordance with the requirements of section A-I/14 of the Code STCW;

**(4)** (Prev. 3 - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015) Shipowners are required to maintain a updated crew list for every vessel, a copy of the same in the Directorate "MA" / Directorate "River inspection" where the vessel is registered not later than 3 business days after the change.

**(5)** (New - SG. 84 of 2014) Through the Safety Management System of the ship or by internal rules shipowners ensure that any newly appointed member of the crew have enough time to pass instruction on board and to meet specific obligations in relation to achieving the safety and security of the ship, environmental pollution, personal safety, and rules for working with the equipment to use in the performance of their duties. The conduct of the briefing must be recorded in writing.

**(6)** (Prev. 4 - SG. 84 of 2014) Shipowners are required to maintain a record file of each seafarer who is employed and working on their ships, at least for the time for which they have concluded a contract of employment.

**(7)** (Prev. 5, amend. - SG. 84 of 2014)the file recordunder par. 6 shall includeat least the following information**:**

1. personal data, identifying the person, foto, address and telephone for contact;
2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) copies of all certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency under Annex № 1 and other documents entitling a person to take the position as well as the dispensations, if any;.
3. document certifying what kind of initial instructions have been given to the seafarer regarding the safety of work on the board of ship, familiarization with his onboard duties, and the devices and equipment that will to work with.
4. copy of the document for medical fitness for service onboard a vessel in the specific area of trade, in the capacity that the seafarer has been assigned on;
5. contract/contracts between the shipowner and the seafarer.
6. Information for the work duration and the capacities in which the seafarer have served on each ship he has been assigned on.

**(8)** (Prev. 6 - SG. 84 of 2014) When the working language of the ship is not Bulgarian, the shipowner provides documentation according to ISM Code working language.

**Article 116** Shipowner shall take all the necessary measures in order to assign on immediately a competent seafarer, that holds appropriate certificate, for the capacity, which is writen in the Safe Manning document of the ship, and has became vacant during the voyage.

**Article 117** The shipownershall provide organization to ensure performance of training onboard his ships, taking into consideration their number, tonnage, and areas of trade, and in accordance with the requirements for performance of onboard training, and co-ordinated with EAMA.

**Article 118** The Ship-owner shall not allow a crew member to serve in a specific capacity onboard ships flying Bulgarian flag in designated area, in case the limitations for service in that capacity have been written in the seafarer’s medical fitness certificate, certificate of competency and/or endorsements under article 85, para. 1, item 7(Section І/10 of STCW Convention).

**ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 1.** Theseafarers that meet the requirements for education and medical fitness, who have done their military service, or have served on board ships of the Navy, or of the border police, shall be admitted to acquire competency in accordance with this Regulation, as follows:

1. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) for competency "Skipper of a seagoing vessel of up to 40 GT" - based on a certificate from headquarters on the preparation of the Navy or the Chief Directorate "Border Police" for passed a training program for officers to admission to self-wearing a navigational watch or self-management of a ship and passed successful test of this admission, seagoing service of not less than three years of actual shipping service, successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1 for persons who have completed education other than"Sea navigation";

2. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) for competency "Skipper of craft intended for sport and pleasure up to 300 GT" - based on the diploma for education in "Sea navigation", certificate from headquarters on the preparation of the Navy or Chief Directorate "Border police" for passed training program for officers to admission to self-management of ship and passed successful test of this admission, seagoing service of not less than three years the position of "commander of a ship" with a displacement of more than 300 tons and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1;

3. For competency "Watchkeeping officer on ships of 500 GT or more" - based on a certificate of successful completion of approved by EA "MA" training course, certificate for passed academic navigable practice six months during the education or seagoing service of not less 6 months in position "commander of the ship" with a displacement exceeding 500 tonnes, 6-month training seagoing service attested by training record book, as an assistant watchkeeping officer on a seagoing vessel of 500 GT or more and successfully examination before the commission of art. 63, para. 1;

4. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) For competency "Master on ships less than 500 GT in domestic voyages" - based on a certificate from headquarters on the preparation of the Navy or the Chief Directorate "Border Police" for passed a program training of officers for admission to self-management of ship and passed a successful test of this admission, seagoing service of not less than three years the position of "commander of a ship" with a displacement of over 500 tons and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1;

5. For competency "Watchkeeping officer general category" - based on a certificate of completion endorsed by EA "MA" course for qualification and certification, seagoing service of two months as assistant officer or a seaman from the deck department and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1;

6. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) For competency "Watchkeeping engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW or more" - based on a certificate for passed academic navigable practice six months during the education, seagoing service of not less 6 months in position "Engineer on ship with main propulsion machinery of over 750 kW", 6-month training seagoing service attested by training record book as assistant engineer on a seagoing vessel with a propulsion power of main propulsion machinery of 750 kW or greater and successfully examination before the commission of art. 63, para. 1;

7. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) For competency "Chief engineer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery from 750 to 3000 kW in local navigation" - based on a certificate from the headquarters in preparation for Navy crossed preparation program officers to admission to self-wearing engineering watch and successfully passed exam for this admission, seagoing service of not less than three years in position "Engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of over 750 kW" and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1;

8. For competency "Engineer officer in inland navigation" - based on seagoing two months as assistant engineer on the ship sailing on inland waterways, and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1;

9. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) For competency "Rating Forminag Part of Navigational Watch”, “Watchkeeping officer general category”, “Electro-technical ratibg”, “Electrical officer in inland navigation”, “Rating forming part of a Watch in Engine Room” and “Seaman-motorman” - based on document seagoing service of not less of requirements for the respective competency issued by the headquarters for the preparation of the Navy or the Chief Directorate "Border police", document of completed school education or preparatory course, if any, and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1;

10. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) For competency "Raduiooperator on ships in domestic voyages" - based on a diploma for education in "Ship radio electronics", certificate from headquarters on the preparation of the Navy crossed for program training of officers for admission to self-wearing navigational watch and passed successfully an exam for this admission, seagoing service of not less than three years the position of " Radio operator" or equivalent, on a ship with HF and VHF radio equipment.

**§2** Those graduates higher education in "Navigation" can acquire the qualification "Watchkeeping officer" after passing endorsed by EA "MA" course for retraining and competency "Master in inland navigation" in the presence of seagoing service in accordance with the acquisition of the capacity and successfully passed examination before the Commission under Art. 63, para. 1.

**§3** (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) Persons that have completed the semesters of their third year course of higher education-bachelor programme in Navigation, River navigation, Marine Engineering and Ship’s electrical engineering or Electrical power supply and electrical equipment of water transport- upon having 3 mounths seagoing training and appropriate medical fitness may acquire the competency of “Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch”, “Rating Forming Part of a Watch in Engine Room” and “Electro-technical rating” respectively.

**§4** EAMA is the national competent authority for an exchange of information between the European Union Member States, as well as with third Parties, regarding certification of seafarers.

**§ 5** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) the Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" shall notify the European Commission, other countries - EU member states and third countries with which it has an agreement pursuant to Regulation I/10, paragraph 1.2 of the Convention STCW for contact details of the relevant national competent authority for the exchange of information on the acquisition of certificates of seafarers.

**§ 5a (**New - SG. 84 of 2014) (1) Annualy EA "MA" gives to the European Commission collected until 31 December of the previous year information on all certificates of competency or endorsements attesting their issue, all endorsements of certificates of competency issued by other countries as well as all certificates of proficiency issued to persons from the support level, which includes:

1. in terms of certificates of competency and endorsements attesting their issue:
2. name and PID number of the seafarer;
3. date of birth, nationality and sex of the seafarer;
4. number of the certificate of competency subject to endorse;
5. number of the endorsement attesting the issue;
6. position or positions;
7. date of issue or the most recent date of revalidation of the document;
8. date of expiry of the document;
9. status of the certificate;
10. limitations.
11. in terms of endorsements attesting the recognition of certificates of competency issued by other countries:
12. name and unique identification number of the seafarer, if any;
13. date of birth, nationality and sex of the seafarer;
14. State issuing the original certificate of competency;
15. number of the original certificate of competency;
16. Number of the endorsement attesting the recognition of the certificate of competency;
17. position or positions;
18. date of issue or the most recent date of revalidation of the certificate;
19. date of expiry of the document;
20. status of the recognition;
21. limitations.
22. in respect of certificates of proficiency:
23. name and PID number of the seafarer;
24. date of birth, nationality and sex of the seafarer;
25. number of the certificate of proficiency;
26. position or positions;
27. date of issue or the most recent date of revalidation of the certificate;
28. date of expiry of the document;
29. status of the certificate of proficiency.

(2) The information under par. 1 is available in electronic format exclusively for statistical purposes.

(3) Ownership of raw data under par. 1 belongs to the Republic of Bulgaria. The processed for statistical purposes information provided to the European Commission, publicly available in accordance with the provisions on transparency and protection of information set out in Art. 4 Regulation (EC) № 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (OJ, L 208 of 2002) as amended by Regulation (EC) № 1644 / 2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 2003 (OJ, L 245 of 2003) Regulation (EC) № 724/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 (OJ, L 129 2004), Regulation (EC) № 2038/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 (OJ, L 386 of 2006) and Regulation (EC) № 100/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council from 15 January 2013 (OJ, L 39 of 2013).

(4) In order to protect the privacy of seafarers before information is available on the European Commission's data under item. 1, letters "a", "c" and "d" under p. 2, letter "a", "d "and" e "and p. 3, letters" a "and" c "are converted in anonymous using software provided or approved by the Commission.

(5) Collection, transmission, storage, analysis and dissemination of information under par. 1 shall be implemented in accordance with the European Commission's technical requirements and measures to ensure their protection.

**§ 6** For the purposes of this Regulation:

1. “Local navigation”
   1. for sea navigation - shall mean navigation in the internal waters, the territorial sea and the contiguous zone of the Republic of Bulgaria;
   2. for inland waterways navigation- shall mean navigation in the designated areas of the Danube River, from km 374,100 to km 845, 650;
2. “ near-costal navigation” shall mean voyages in the vicinity of Republic of Bulgaria, or near the cost as defined by the costal state, the Republic of Bulgaria have undersigned an agreement with;
3. “Ocean going” shall mean navigation in the rest areas of the seas and oceans other than local and near-costal areas;
4. “Area A1” shall mean a sea area included in the range of at least one shore based VHF radio station with possibility for continuous digital selective distress signal calling (DSC); Area A2 - within the range of at least one shore based middle wave (MF) radio station with possibility for continuous digital selective distress signal calling (DSC); Area A3-within the range of at least one of the geostationary satellites for maritime communications (between parallels 70 oN and 70 oS), and Area A4 - sea area out of areas A1, A2 and A3;
5. “Inland waterways of Europe” shall mean the river Danube, the rivers, the lakes and the canals of Europe used for navigation;
6. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) "Certificate of maritime shipping" is:
   1. "Certificate of Competency" - a document issued to the master, officers and radio operator for GMDSS in accordance with Chapters II, III, IV and VII of the Code STCW, entitling the lawful holder thereof to hold position and perform functions in the respective level of responsibility;
   2. "Certificate of proficiency" - a document other than the certificate of competency issued to the seafarer and confirming that the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention and Directive 2008/106 / EC as regards the training, competence and seagoing service;
   3. "Equivalent document" - any other written document other than the certificate of competency and certificate of proficiency, whatever that bears used to establish that the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention and Directive 2008/106 / EC are satisfied;

6a. (New - SG. 84 of 2014) "Certificate for inland waterways" is a document issued in accordance with the recommendations of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations and the Danube Commission to prepare the leaders of ships and providing them with certificates of competency for international shipping and in accordance with Directive 96/50 / EC of 23 July 1996 on the harmonization of conditions for obtaining national certification captain of the vessel for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway in the Community (OJ, L 235 of 1996), amended by Regulation (EC) № 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003 (OJ, L 284 of 2003) and Regulation (EC) № 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 (OJ, L 311 of 2008), and Directive 91/672 / EEC of 16 December 1991 concerning the mutual recognition of national certificates captains of boats to transport goods and passengers by inland roads (OJ, L 373 of 1991) as amended by Regulation (EC) № 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003, Directive 2006/103 / EC of 20 November 2006 ( OJ, L 363 of 2006), Regulation (EC) № 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008, Directive 2013/22 / EC of 13 May 2013 (OJ, L 158 of 2013), Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden (OJ C 241 of 1994) and the Act of Accession to the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the treaties of the European Union (OJ, L 236 2003 );

1. “Small vessel” shall mean a vessel navigating in the Inland waterways, with length of hull of up to 20 m, excluding all:
   1. vessels designed and equipped to tow, push or move alongside vessels which are not small vessels;
   2. ferries;
   3. vessels allowed to transport on board more than 12 passengers;
2. “Ro-ro passenger ship”shall mean a ship, designed for carriage of passengers and cargo, with horizontally loaded and unloaded holds or holds of special category as defined by the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS 1974), as amended;
3. (Suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) “Onboard training”shall mean practical training on board training vessel or merchant ship in operation on which can be performed tasks from the Training Record Book, carried out under the direction of a qualified person, the master or an officer authorized thereof or the Chief Engineer, and in accordance with an approved programme;
4. "Combined educational practice" is training, which is part of an approved training and has conducted training workshops and laboratories, as well as training or merchant ship under the guidance of a qualified person;
5. “Cadet”shall mean a person serving as an assistant in the relevant capacity under the direction of the master, an officer authorized thereof or the chief engineer;
6. (Amend. and suppl. - SG. 84 of 2014) "Qualified person" means a person who performs duties on a vessel as an instructor, evaluator or head of educational practice in the school, which has maritime education and capacity at least equal to or higher than trainees received is necessary theoretical and practical experience through successfully completed, approved by EA "MA" course program model course 6.09 / 3.12 of IMO;
7. “Passenger*”* shall mean every person on board ship of more than 1 year of age, excluding the master and the crew members or other persons serving on board, or performing any other duties related to the operation of the ship;
8. *“*Internal waters of the Republic of Bulgaria*”* shall mean the waters in the interior of the country without any navigational contact with the sea or the Danube River;
9. *“*Propulsion power of the ship’s power plant*”* shall mean the total output of power in kilowatts (kW) of the ship’s main propulsion machinery which is recorded in the ship’s document of registration and the other ship’s documents;
10. “Other specialties associated with heavy-current electrical industry” shall means the specialties “Electro-technical engineering”, “Electrical power industry and electrical equipment” with specializations on “Electro-technologies”, “Electro-mechanics”, “Renovable electrical energy sources”, “Electrical power stations and networks”, “Electrical power industry” and “Electrical equipment of industry”;
11. Class of automation A2/A1 shall mean:
    1. A2 - unmanned machinery space but manned central control room;
    2. A1 - unmanned machinery space and central control room;
12. “Approved programme”shall mean a programme approved by the Executive Director of EAMA and developed in accordance with the STCW Convention and the related recommended documents, as well as IMO Model Courses and Resolutions;
13. “Evaluation criteria”shall mean criteria worked out at a level not lower than the mandatory criteria provided by Part А of the STCW Convention;
14. “Independent evaluation” shall mean evaluation carried out by a qualified person that is independent of the training institution, training centre or activities being evaluated, to verify that the administrative and operational procedures at all levels are managed, organized, observed and monitored internally in order to ensure their fitness for achievement of the stated standards;
15. “Officer”shall mean a title used with regard to capacities at the management and operational levels, with the exception of the master and the chief engineer;
16. “Ship’s security officer” shall mean a person on board ship, designated by the ship owner and responsible before the master for the ship’s security, including the implementation and proper maintaining of the ship’s security plan, working in co-operation with the company’s security officer and the port’ security officer in the port visited;
17. “Tugboat”shall mean a specialized merchant ship for ships’ towing, pushing and maneuvering, as well as for ensuring ships’ safety;
18. “Watchkeeping service*”* shall mean a period of time during which seafarers perform functions corresponding to their capacity, as they are defined in the legal acts or the Company’s rules and regulations;
19. “ STCW Code” shall mean the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code as adopted by Resolution 2 of the 1995 STCW Conference of Parties, as revised.
20. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) "recognition" is the acceptance by EA "MA" under Chapter Nine of the Certificate of Competency, Certificate of proficiency or an equivalent document issued by another State;
21. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) “accepting European Union Member State” shall be any European Union Member State, where the seafarer apply for recognition of Certificate of competency, certificate of proficiency or other equivalent document
22. “Ship for sports and pleasure" is a vessel owned by a natural person, company or sports club and used for sports, tourism and entertainment by the owner, friends of the owner, his family or company employees, their relatives and friends, or members of sports club and their families when the use of the vessel no charge except funds that serve to cover the cost of the vessel related to navigation, trip or sporting event;
23. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) "special training" is training associated with Chapter V and Chapter VI of the Convention STCW;
24. (Amend. - SG. 84 of 2014) "additional training" is training associated with enacted amendments to the competencies required under the Convention STCW;
25. “Systematic violations under Art. 55, para. 2 "are three or more violations in relation to the keeping of records on the presence of trainees, as well as the other requirements of the approved program and rules established in this ordinance.
26. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "Captain" is a person who commands the ship;
27. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "radio operator" e person who holds a license issued or recognized by EA "MA" pursuant to the provisions of the Radio Regulations;
28. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "GMDSS Radio Operator" e qualified person as required by Chapter IV of the STCW Convention and art. 38;
29. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "support level" is a member of the ship's crew other than the master or an officer;
30. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "radio service" is watchkeeping and technical maintenance and repair to radio implemented in accordance with the Radio Regulations and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended;
31. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "oil tanker" means a ship constructed and operated for the carriage of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk;
32. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "chemical tanker 'means a ship constructed or adapted and exploited to transport bulk liquid products listed in Chapter 17 of the International Code of chemicals in bulk;
33. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "liquefied gas tanker" means a ship constructed or adapted and exploited for bulk transport of liquefied gas or other product listed in Chapter 19 of the International Code for the transport of gases;
34. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "passenger ship" is a ship as defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended;
35. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "electro-technical officer" is an officer qualified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Regulation III/6 of the Convention STCW, as amended;
36. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) “Able seafarer deck"is a person of support level qualified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Reg II/5 of the Convention STCW, as amended;
37. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) “Able Seafarer Engine"is a person from the support level, qualified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Regulation III/5 of the Convention STCW, as amended;
38. (New - SG. 83 of 2015), "electro-technical rating" is a person from the support level, qualified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Regulation III/7 of the Convention on STCW, as amended;
39. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "Chief mate" is an officer next in seniority after the ship's captain, who assumes responsibility for command of the ship in case of incapacity of the master;
40. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "Engineer officer" is an officer qualified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Regulation III/1, III/2 or III/3 of Convention STCW, as amended;
41. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "chief engineer" is a senior ship engineer responsible for the unit, operation and maintenance of mechanical and electrical installations of the ship;
42. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "second engineer" is a ship engineer officer next in seniority after the chief engineer of the vessel which assumes responsibility for the unit, operation and maintenance of mechanical and electrical installations of the ship in case of inability of the chief engineer;
43. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "ISPS Code" means the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, as amended, adopted on 12.12.2002 by Resolution 2 of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the International Convention for the safety of life at Sea, 1974;
44. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "designated security duties" - include all tasks and duties performed on board the ship as defined in chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 and the ISPS code;
45. (New - SG. 83 of 2015) "immediately before" within the meaning of Art. 87 is a period of time not exceeding 7 working days, reported between the date of completion of the seagoing service and the date of application of the seafarer.

**§ 7.** (Am. - SG. 84 of 2014) This Ordinance introduces the requirements of:

1. Directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the minimum level of training of seafarers, as amended by Directive 2012/35 /EC of the European Parliament and the Council of November 21, 2012;
2. Directive 96/50/ EC of 23 July 1996 on the harmonization of conditions for obtaining national certification captain of the vessel for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway in the Community, as amended by Regulation (EC) № 1882/2003 the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003 and Regulation (EC) № 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008;
3. Directive 91/672 /EEC of 16 December 1991 concerning the mutual recognition of national certificates captains of boats to transport goods and passengers by inland waterway, as amended by Regulation (EC) № 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of 29 September 2003, Directive 2006/103 / EC of 20 November 2006, Regulation (EC) № 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008, Directive 2013/22 / EC of 13 May 2013, the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden and the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties of the European Union.

**TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 8** This Regulation is issued on the grounds of Article 87 para (1) of the Merchant Shipping Code

**§ 9** The competencies acquired by seafarers prior to the entry into force of this Ordnance and their respective rights shall be considered equal to those provided by the Table given in Annex No.29.

**§ 10** Certificates of competency issued prior to the entry into force of this Ordnance shall be considered valid up to the expiry of their term of validity.

**§ 11** Certificates of competency without date of expiry shall be considered valid after presenting of a medical fitness certificate.

**§12** Regarding the required seagoing service first sea competency for seafarers who started their education, training or retraining before 1.07.2013, the implementing Ordnance № 6 of 2007 for the competence of seafarers in the Republic of Bulgaria (SG. 101 2007 (repealed.).

**§13** Persons who have acquired competence "Skipper of seagoing vessel of up to 20 GT" according to Art. 34 pt. 5 of Ordnance № 6, 2007 for competence of seafarers in Bulgaria, retain the acquired capacity as the same shall be treated as "Skipper of seagoing vessel of up to 40 GT" according to Art. 33 pt. 5.

**§14** Seafarers who have acquired the right to organize special courses and additional training under Art. 61 et seq. of Ordnance № 6 of 2007 for the competence of seafarers in the Republic of Bulgaria shall submit an application for organizing courses in accordance with Art. 59 et seq. of this Ordinance within six months of its entry into force.

**§15** Section III "Procedure for conducting the exams" Chapter Six "Preparation of seafarers” effective from September 1, 2012. Until then apply Section III" Procedure for conducting the exams” Chapter Six" Preparation of seafarers” Ordinance № 6 of 2007 on the competence of seafarers in Bulgaria.

**§16** Ordinance together with its annexes shall be published as a supplement to the "Official Gazette".

**§17** This Ordinance repeals Ordinance № 6, 2007 for competence of seafarers in the Republic of Bulgaria (SG. 101 of 2007).

**Final provisions**

**To the Ordinance 6 on Seafarers’ Competence in the Republic of Bulgaria from 2012 (Prom. - SG. 81 of 2013, In Force from 09.17.2013)**

**§ 3.** This Ordinance shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the "Official Gazette".

**Transitional and Final Provisions**

**To the Ordinance 6 on Seafarers’ Competence in the Republic of Bulgaria from 2012**

**(PROM. - SG. 84 of 2014)**

**§ 52.** Certificates of competency issued in accordance with repealed administration № 25 to Art. 83, para. 1, p. 9 seafarers with competency “Able Seafarer Deck”, “Able Seafarer Engine”, “Rating Forming Part of Navigational Watch”, “Rating Forming Part of a Watch in Engine Room” and “Electro-technical rating” are replaced with Certificates of Proficiency in accordance with Art. 83, para. 4 pt. 2 containing the same data register number of legal capacity limitations (if any), and the date that is valid and Replacement.

**§ 53.** With the entry into force of this regulation referencing capacity and seafarers' rights under Art. 4 para. 2 and 3 under § 9 of the transitional and final provisions are carried out in compliance with the requirements for special and additional training in accordance with Annex № 1.

**§ 54.** Paragraph 43 on Art. 104, para. 3 of the Regulation enters into force on January 1, 2017

**Additional provisions**

**To the Ordinance 6 on Seafarers’ Competence in the Republic of Bulgaria from 2012**

(PROM. - SG. 83 of 2015)

§ 45. Everywhere in the text of the ordinance words “the territorial Directorate MA and relevant Directorate MA” are replaced by "relevant Directorate MA / Directorate “River inspection”.

**Transitional and Final Provisions**

**To the Ordinance 6 on Seafarers’ Competence in the Republic of Bulgaria from 2012**

**(PROM. - SG. 83 of 2015)**

§ 46. Seafarers who prior to the entry into force of this regulation have seagoing service of ship cook not less than 12 months and have a diploma or a certificate for a course are issued a certificate of proficiency as a ship's cook.

§ 47. Seafarers whose educational program includes preparations that meet the requirements of national standards for issuance of certificates of proficiency for special and additional training or other equivalent document after the presentation of evidence by the training institution are issued an appropriate certificate of proficiency.

**Appendix № 1 to Art. 4 para. 2 and 3**

**(Amended - SG. 84 of 2014, amended. - SG. 83 of 2015)**

**Additional training of seafarers** and required certificates in accordance with the STCW Convention of 1978, as amended.

A single additional training attested by a certificate of proficiency



1. “Bridge resource management and teamwork” (Ch. II, A-II/1) - for those of operational and management level of deck department.
2. "Navigational using ECDIS & AIS” (Ch. II, A-II/1) - for seafarers of operational and management level of deck department.
3. “Use of RADAR and ARPA to ensure safe navigation” (Ch.II, A-II/1)- - for seafarers of operational level of deck department.
4. “Engine room resource management and teamwork” (Ch. III, A-III / 1) '- for those of operational and management level of the machine command.
5. " Monitor the operations of main and auxiliary machinery and associated control systems” (Ch. III, A-III/1) '- for those of operational and management level of the engine department.
6. " Safe operation and maintain power systems in excess of 1000 volts”(Ch. III, A-III/6)" - for electro-technical officers.
7. "Preparing for working with electronic equipment, automation and control, and gas and steam turbines" - for persons who have completed secondary education in "Ship machines and mechanisms".
8. "Marine Environmental Awareness” (Reg. II, III, VI)" - all members of the ship's crew.

Seafarers with higher or secondary education, which during the same are without training in all competencies required by the Convention STCW, 1978, as amended, themes and workload foreseen in the IMO model course 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 and 7.04 and 7.05 pass relevant courses from 1 to 8 depending on the level of responsibility and position.

**Special training** of seafarers and required certificates for the operation of certain types of vessels in accordance with the STCW Convention of 1978, as amended.

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c) issued document - CoP form, according to Art. 83, para. 4 and 5;

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e) way of revalidation of certificates issued:

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- CoP issued for a course in "b" are valid for five years;

e) way of revalidation of certificates issued:

- CoP issued for a course in "b" can be revalidated in the case of seagoing service three months within the preceding five years of a chemical tanker, which renews the certificate under letter "a";

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3. Liquefied gas tankers

a) a course "Basic Liquefied Gas tanker Cargo operations” (Reg. V /1-2, A-V/1-2, p. 1) is mandatory for all seafarers who will work on an oil tanker, irrespective of the level of responsibility;

b) a course "Advanced Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operation” (Reg.V/ 1-2 pt. 3, A-V/ 1-2, p. 2) is mandatory for all persons of operational and management level, as well as persons designated by the owner or operator of the ship;

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- CoP issued for a course in "b" are valid for five years;

e) way of revalidation of certificates issued:

- CoP issued for a course in "b" can be revalidated in the case of seagoing service three months within the preceding five years of a liquefied gas tanker, which renews and certificate under letter "a";

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II. **For operation of passenger and ro-ro / passenger ships**:

* 1. a course "Passenger Ship Crowd Management Training" (Reg.V/2 pt. 4, A-V/2 pt. 1) is mandatory for all members of management, operational and support level of responsibility as well as members of staff when they are included in the drill schedule;
  2. a course "Safety Training for personnel providing direct services in passenger spaces” (Reg.V/2 pt. 5, A-V/2 pt. 2) is mandatory for all persons when they are included in a drill schedule concerns;
  3. course "Crisis management and human behavior “ (Reg.V/ 2, pt. 6, A-V/2 pt. 3) is mandatory for all members of management, operational and executive level of responsibility, and those of the staff when they are included in the drill schedule on concerns;
  4. course "Passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity” (Pr.V/2 pt. 7, A-V/2 pt. 4) is mandatory only for the operation of ro-ro / passenger ships for persons of management and operational level, and other crew members charged with these responsibilities;
  5. issued document - a certificate of proficiency in form, according to Art. 83, para. 4 and 5;
  6. validity of the document:
     + the certificate issued for a course in "b" is termless;
     + certificates issued for completed courses in letters "a", "c" and "d" are valid for 5 years;
  7. way of revalidation of issued certificates:
     + certificates under letters "a", "c" and "d" are reissued on the basis of crossing their respective courses.

III. Additional requirements for ships flying the Bulgarian flag:

1. Safety instruction is held by the person responsible on board and documented in the shipping documentation.
2. Security briefing takes place at the office of the company or board by the authorized person and documented in the shipping documents or the office of the company.
3. Masters and chief mates of ships over 150 000 GT and ships with specific maneuvering characteristics should pass approved by the Maritime Administration course including training simulator in accordance with Section B-V/a of Convention STCW.
4. For operation of mobile offshore facilities (whether or not self-propelled) all seafarers from the crew undergo appropriate instruction and basic training for maritime safety in accordance with Section B-V/d Convention on STCW.
5. Seafafrers of management and operational level of deck department that will work on offshore supply vessels and responsible for implementing the anchor MODU operations of vessels pass approved by the Maritime Administration course in accordance with Section B-V/e of Convention STCW.
6. Crew members on vessels operating systems for dynamic positioning, pass approved by the Maritime Administration course including training simulator in accordance with Section B-V/f of Convention STCW.
7. Seafarers of management and operational level of deck department working on ships operating in Polar Regions, pass approved by the Maritime Administration course in accordance with Section B-V/f Convention on STCW.
8. The master, chief mate, watchkeeping officers and able seafarer deck of ships carrying solid dangerous, hazardous and harmful cargoes pass an approved course by the Maritime Administration under Chapter B-V/b Convention on STCW.

IV. Required additional training for persons authorized for domestic voyages:

1. For the competency of Pilot, Master of a tugboat, Master of a floating technical craft, Skipper of a fishing vessel, Engineer officer of a fishing vessel, Radio operator on ships in domestic voyages does not require certificates of proficiency for special and additional training.
2. For the competency “Skipper of a ship up to 200 GT intended for seasonal voyages with passengers” requires passing on these courses for additional training - № 1, 2, 3, 4, "Passenger Ship Crowd Management Training" (Reg.V/2 pt. 4, A-V/2 pt. 1) and "Crisis management and human behavior “ (Reg.V/ 2, pt. 6, A-V/2 pt. 3).
3. For Seamans with competency “Master of ships of less than 500 gross tonnage in domestic voyages”, “Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3,000 kW propulsion power in local navigation” and persons under Chapter Four, Section II, with the right to occupy positions “Master of ships of 300 gross tonnage in domestic voyages”, “Master on ships of 3000 GT in domestic voyages”, “Chief engineer officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of up to 750 kW propulsion power in local navigation” and “Electro-technical officer of up to 750 kW” are required to pass the following courses for additional training - № 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 13.;

Application № 1

to Art. 4 para. 2 and 3

**Additional training for seafarers required in**

**accordance with the STCW Convention of 1978, as amended**

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| Name of the preparatory course | Personal Survival Techniques  (Reg.VІ\1, А-VІ/1, т.2.1.1.1) | Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting  (Reg.VІ/1, А-VІ/1, т.2.1.1.2) | Elementary First Aid  (Reg.VІ/1, А-VІ/1, т.2.1.1.3) | Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities  (Reg.VІ/1, А-VІ/1, т.2.1.1.4) | Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boat other than Fast Rescue Boat  (Reg.VІ/2, А-VІ/2, т.1-4) | Proficiency in Fast rescue Boat  (Reg.VІ/2-А-VІ/2, т.7-10) | Proficiency in Advanced Fire Fighting  (Reg.VІ/3, А-VІ/3, т.1-4) | Proficiency in Medical First Aid  (Reg.VІ/4, А-VІ/4, т.1-3) | Proficiency in Medical First Aid on Board on Ships  (Reg.VІ/4, А-VІ/4, т.4-6) | Proficiency in Security Awareness  (Reg.VI/6, т.1, A-VI/6, т.4) | Proficiency for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties  (Reg.VI/6, т.4, A-VI/6, т.6) | Proficiency for Ship Security Officer  (Reg.VI/5, т.1, A-VI/5, т.1) |
| № of Course | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Validity of course | 5 years | 5 years. | 5 years | 5 years | 5 years | 5 years | 5 years | unlimited | 5 years. | unlimited | unlimited | unlimited |
| Method of renewal | А+B | А+B | А+B | А | А+B | А+B | А+B | - | B | - | - | - |
| Type of certificate | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP | CoP |
| Capacity |  | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Master | X | X | X | X | X | Х1 | X | X | X | - | - | X |
| Chief Mate | X | X | X | X | X | Х1 | X | X | - | - | - | Х |
| Chief Engineer | X | X | X | X | X | Х1 | X | X | - | - | X | - |
| Second Engineer | X | X | X | X | X | Х1 | X | X | - | - | X | - |
| OOW | X | X | X | X | X | Х1 | X | X | - | - | X | - |
| OEW | X | X | X | X | X | Х1 | X | X | - | - | X | - |
| Electro-technical Officer | X | X | X | X | X | - | X | X | - | - | X | - |
| GMDSS radioelectronic | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - |
| GMDSS radiooperator \* | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | X | - |
| Bosun | X | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| Helmsman | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| E/R bosun | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| Motorman | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| Pumpman | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| Electrician | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| Seaman | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | X | - | - |
| Ship Cook | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | Х | - | - |
| Cadet / Assistant officer | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Another support staff | X | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | Х | - | - |

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**Abbreviations used:**

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B – the certificate is revalidated after passing a refresher course;

СоР – Certificate of Proficiency;

X – The course is mandatory for the position;

Х1 – The course is mandatory for persons working on passenger ro-ro / passenger ships and ships equipped with fast rescue boat.

\* Upon issuance of certificates of radio operator general and restricted category of GMDSS with restriction "Valid for seagoing recreational crafts not intended for commercial use " does not require special and additional training.