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Bunker Suppliers / Bunker Craft Operators
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MANDATORY ENHANCED BUNKERING COURSE FOR CARGO OFFICERS

As the world's leading bunkering port, it is important for Singapore to provide quality bunkering services to vessels calling at the port for lifting bunkers. Cargo officers who represent bunker suppliers in bunker transfers are required to be familiar with the requirements and procedures of the Singapore Standard on Bunkering or SS 600. They are required to attend an approved basic course on the SS 600 before working independently onboard bunker tankers.

2 In 2009, MPA worked with the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) and the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) to develop an enhanced bunkering course for cargo officers. The objective of the course is to raise the cargo officers' technical knowledge on shipboard operations in relation to bunkering as well as general awareness on maritime security and personal safety. The course also covers customer relationship management and service excellence. The two associations have since been offering this non-mandatory course to the bunkering industry.

3 As part of MPA's ongoing efforts to enhance the cargo officers' professionalism and competency, MPA will make it mandatory for all cargo officers to attend the enhanced bunkering course under the Terms and Conditions of the Bunkering Licence (Bunker Craft Operator) as follows:

(i) **Potential cargo officers**

From 1 July 2012, a person who wants to be a cargo officer will be required to attend and successfully complete the enhanced bunkering course prior to working independently onboard bunker tankers.

(ii) **In-service cargo officers**

Existing cargo officers who have not attended the enhanced bunkering course will be required to attend and successfully complete the course by 30 Jun 2013.

4 The entry requirements for the enhanced bunkering course can be found in **Annex A**. Bunker craft operators are strongly encouraged to enrol their existing cargo officers for the enhanced bunkering course conducted by either SSA or IBIA at the soonest. The course schedules can be obtained via the below contacts and websites of SSA and IBIA:

Singapore Shipping Association Website: www.ssa.org.sg Tel: 622 5238 / Fax: 6222 5527	International Bunker Industry Association Website: www.ibia.net Tel: 6427 0916 / Fax: 6472 0919
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5 Please contact Mr Ace Leong at tel. no. 6375 1959 or email to msd@mpa.gov.sg for any clarification needed on this circular.

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Entry Requirements for Enhanced Bunkering Course

Applicants for the enhanced bunkering course shall meet the following entry requirements:

- (i) At least 21 years of age and medically fit;
- (ii) Have a working knowledge of the English language;
- (iii) Have attended the basic 1-day course on SS CP60 / SS600; and
- (iv) Must complete at least 30 bunker deliveries* as a cargo officer trainee.

* Ex-licensed bunker surveyors would be considered for exemption from the 30 bunker deliveries provided that his last bunker surveying job was carried out less than 12 months ago.