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**Applicable to:** Shipowners, Ship managers, Ship Masters, and Other Seafarers and Personnel of Singapore Registered Ships subject to the IGF Code.

**TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAFARERS TO SERVE ON SINGAPORE REGISTERED SHIPS SUBJECT TO THE IGF CODE**

- 1 This circular supersedes Shipping Circular No.5 of 2021.
- 2 The following training and certification requirements apply to masters, officers and ratings and other personnel serving on board Singapore Registered Ships (SRS) subject to the IGF Code.

**Familiarisation Training**

- 3 All seafarers serving on board SRS subject to the IGF Code shall, prior to being assigned shipboard duties, receive appropriate ship and equipment specific familiarization as specified in the STCW regulation I/14, paragraph 1.5.

**Basic IGF Certificate of Proficiency (COP)**

- 4 Seafarers responsible for designated safety duties associated with the care, use or in emergency response to the fuel on board SRS subject to the IGF Code shall hold a MPA recognised certificate in basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.
- 5 Every candidate applying for a MPA issued basic Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for service on SRS subject to the IGF Code shall have completed a MPA approved or accepted basic training in accordance with provisions of section A-V/3, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.
- 6 Seafarers responsible for designated safety duties associated with the care, use or in emergency response to the fuel on board SRS subject to the IGF Code who have been qualified and certified according to the STCW regulation V/1-2, paragraphs 2 and 5, or regulation V/1-2, paragraphs 4 and 5 on liquefied gas tankers, are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in section A-V/3, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code , for basic training for service on SRS subject to the IGF Code.

## **Advanced IGF Certificate of Proficiency (COP)**

7 Masters, engineer officers and all personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on SRS subject to the IGF Code shall hold a MPA recognised certificate in advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

8 Every candidate applying for a MPA issued advanced Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for service on SRS subject to the IGF Code shall, while holding the basic Certificate of Proficiency (COP) issued by MPA, have:

8.1 completed the MPA approved/accepted advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code and meet the standard of competence as specified in section A-V/3, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code; and

8.2 completed at least one month of approved seagoing service that includes a minimum of three bunkering operations on board ships subject to the IGF Code. Two of the three bunkering operations may be replaced by a MPA approved simulator training on bunkering operations as part of the training in paragraph 8.1 above.

9 Masters, engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels on SRS subject to the IGF Code who have been qualified and certified according to the standards of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 2 for service on liquefied gas tankers are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in section A-V/3, paragraph 2 of the STCW code for advanced training for ships subject to the IGF Code, provided they have also:

9.1 met the requirements of paragraph 6; and

9.2 met the bunkering requirements of paragraph 8.2 or have participated in conducting three cargo operations on board the liquefied gas tanker; and

9.3 have completed sea going service of three months in the previous five years on board:

- a. ships subject to the IGF Code;
- b. tankers carrying as cargo, fuels covered by the IGF Code; or
- c. ships using gases or low flashpoint fuel as fuel.

## **Validity and Revalidation of IGF COPs issued by MPA**

10 Holders of the MPA issued COPs in basic and/or advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code, can apply for revalidation at intervals not exceeding 5 years, provided they have:

10.1 have completed at least three months sea service in total in the preceding 5 years on board a ship subject to the IGF Code or on board liquefied gas tankers; or

10.2 completed a MPA approved/accepted refresher training in basic or advanced level for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

### **Recognition of IGF COPs issued by Foreign Maritime Administrations**

11 MPA may recognise COPs in basic and advanced training for service on board SRS subject to the IGF Code, issued by a foreign maritime administration that have established STCW certificate recognition mechanism with MPA under the STCW Regulation I/10. (Please refer to Shipping Circular No. 21 of 2017 regarding the list of maritime administrations whose STCW certificates MPA may recognise/accept.) MPA would not issue a separate endorsement for the recognition of COPs that are issued by foreign maritime administrations.

### **Submission of application for the IGF COPs**

12 Applicants may submit the application for the IGF COPs via the [\*Digitalport\*](#) with necessary documents as required.

13 Should there be any queries regarding the IGF COP application, please email to [coc@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:coc@mpa.gov.sg) for clarification.

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