



SUB-COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
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Agenda item 16

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Performance of GMDSS operator's certificates holders

Submitted by the International Shipping Federation (ISF)

SUMMARY

Executive summary: ISF believes that STW does not need to reconsider GMDSS certificate revalidation issues, as these were discussed fully at STW 33 and it was agreed that any change to the STCW Convention was unnecessary

Action to be taken: Paragraph 6

Related documents: STW 36/16/2, STW 33/17

1 This document comments on STW 36/16/2 by the Secretariat and is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 46.5 of the Guidelines of the Organization and Method of Work.

2 ISF recognizes that MSC 78 has instructed the STW Sub-Committee to further consider GMDSS certificate revalidation issues.

3 ISF believes, however, that there is no need to re-open this debate, because it was fully discussed at STW 33 where it was agreed that any change to the STCW Convention was unnecessary.

4 STW 33 concluded that administrations were free to introduce additional mandatory training on a national basis if they wished, as STCW Regulation I/11 and section A-I/11 of the STCW Code allowed the option of such requirements in order to maintain continued professional competence. It was therefore not necessary to change the STCW Convention to establish a new mandatory standard for certificate renewals.

5 ISF agrees with the conclusions reached at STW 33, and believes that the Sub-Committee should not spend more time discussing the same issues.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

6 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above views and consider them in their discussion on this issue.