



**RESOLUTION NO. 16  
Series of 2007**

**ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY TO SHIP SECURITY  
OFFICERS (SSO) UNDER REGULATION VI/5 OF THE STCW CONVENTION,  
AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, in conformity with Chapter XI-2 on the Enhancement of Maritime Security of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended, the Philippines adopted and implemented the International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities (ISPS Code) which entered into force on 01 July 2004.

**WHEREAS**, the Maritime Safety Committee, at its Eighty-First session, adopted the amendment to Chapter VI of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, which added Regulation VI/5, entitled "Mandatory minimum requirements for the issuance of Certificates of Proficiency for Ship Security Officer" which shall enter into force on 01 January 2008;

**WHEREAS**, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the Flag State Authority is tasked to implement the ISPS Code for ships registered under Philippine flag, and accredits training providers/centers offering courses for Ship Security Officers (SSO) and Company Security Officers (CSO);

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of the Certificate of Proficiency under Chapter VI of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended is the responsibility of the Maritime Training Council through the National Assessment Center (NAC).

**WHEREAS**, the completion of an approved training is one of the requirements under paragraph 5.4 Section A-VI/5 of the STCW Convention in determining the professional competence of Ship Security Officers;

**WHEREAS**, every Party to the STCW Convention is required under the said amendment to compare the standard of competence required for Ship Security Officers before the entry into force of Regulation VI/5 with those specified for the issuance of Certificate of Proficiency under Section A-VI/5 of the STCW Code, and to determine the need for requiring the existing SSOs to update their qualification;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prescribe guidelines for the issuance of Certificates of Proficiency of Ship Security Officers under Regulation VI/5 of the amendment to the STCW Convention;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Council **RESOLVES,** as it hereby **RESOLVED** to direct the MTC Secretariat to undertake the following:

1. Prescribe the necessary implementing guidelines for the issuance of the Certificate of Proficiency to Ship Security Officers;
2. Compare the standard of competence required of Ship Security Officer before the entry into force of this Regulation with those specified for the issuance of the Certificate of Proficiency under Section A-VI/5, and
3. Determine the need for existing SSOs to update their qualification.

This Resolution shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation, whichever is earlier.

Done in the City of Manila, 3rd day of January 2008.

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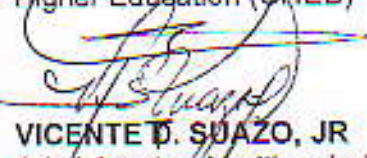


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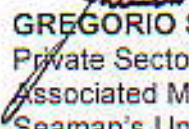


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Resolution No. 16, S-2007: "Issuance of Certificates of Competency to Ship Security Officers (SSO) under regulation VI/5 of the STCW Convention, as amended."