

Abstract

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Comprehensive Revision of STCW Convention in order to Facilitate Standardization of the Global MET Systems: A Critique

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is currently conducting the 2nd comprehensive revision to the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), as amended, and its associated Codes in order to keep pace with vast dynamic changes in the maritime industry. Although, the main reason for revising the STCW Convention is to resolve inconsistencies in the previously revised Convention and to ensure it meets the new challenges facing the shipping industry today and in the incoming years, a number of vital issues were overlooked during the revision, which will result in weaknesses and shortcomings in the implementation process, such issues have to be considered by the organization in the future development of the Convention. The following paper will review in brief the proposed amendments to STCW Convention, and will demonstrate some of the problem areas which IMO have to consider in future revisions of the Convention.