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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978**

**AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-seventh session (28 May to 6 June 2003), adopted amendments to part B of the STCW Code as follows:

2 A new section B-V/3 is inserted as follows:

“Section B-V/3

GUIDANCE REGARDING TRAINING OF SEAFARERS ON LARGE PASSENGER SHIPS

ADVANCED FIRE FIGHTING

1. For officers and crew on large passenger ships, additional training should be provided highlighting the difficulties of fighting fires including access to confined spaces, prevention of the spread of fire to adjoining spaces and maintaining adequate stability.

DAMAGE CONTROL

2. In developing standards of competency given in Sections A-II/1, A-II/2 and A-III/2 at the management level to achieve the necessary level of theoretical knowledge, understanding and proficiency in damage control and watertight integrity, companies and training institutions should take into account the minimum knowledge, understanding and proficiency for damage control and watertight integrity at the management level as given below:

Competence

Minimize the risk of flooding and maintain a state of readiness to respond to emergency situations involving damage to the watertight integrity of the ship

Knowledge, understanding and proficiency

Shipboard damage control plans and organization
Damage control systems, equipment (lockers) and emergency escape routes
The key elements in maintaining stability and watertight integrity
Importance of securing flooding and maintaining Watertight boundaries

Actions to be taken aboard a ship in the event of an explosion, grounding, collision, or fire

Damage Control techniques consistent with equipment found on board the ship Bilge systems and pumps

Methods for demonstrating competence

Assessment of evidence obtained from attendance at an approved course or approved in-service training or other approved training methods

Criteria for evaluating competence

Initial actions on becoming aware of an emergency conform with accepted practices and procedures

Action taken on identifying emergency signals is appropriate to the indicated emergency and complies with established ship procedures ”

3 STCW Parties and all others concerned are invited to note the above and take action as appropriate.
