

**[ MTC RESOLUTION NO. 09, S. 1999, September 07, 1999 ]**

**GUIDANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATION VI/1 (BASIC TRAINING) PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, Regulation VI/1 of the STCW Convention, as amended provides that seafarers shall receive familiarization and basic safety training or instruction in accordance with Section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code and shall meet the specific standard of competence specified therein;

WHEREAS, STCW .7/circ 1 dated 24 September 1996 clarified the implementation of Regulation VI/1 in accordance with the transitional provision of the 1995 STCW;

WHEREAS, the above clarificatory issuance advises the Administrations, with regards to seafarers who have commenced sea service before 01 February 1997, to treat each case on its merits and should, in doing so, take full account of the standards of competence in Section A-VI/1-2 of the 1995 STCW;

WHEREAS, a large and undetermined number of seafarers have undertaken training in Basic Fire Fighting, Personal Survival and Elementary First Aid before 01 February 1997 and who may have commenced approved sea service before that date;

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 02, s-1998 provides the policies with regards to Basic Training conducted in training centers with authority from the MTC;

WHEREAS, paragraph 2 of the MTC Resolution No. 02, S-1998 needs to be supplemented by provisions that would comply with Regulation VI/1 of the Convention, as amended taking into account the above clarifications;

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 03, S-1998 which governs the full implementation of the requirements under Regulation VI/1 of the amended Convention only took effect on 28 October 1998, and there are seafarers who completed the training requirements under paragraph 2.1 of Section A-VI/1 but have not been assessed in accordance with paragraph 2.2 of the said Section;

WHEREAS, basic safety training is also part of the curriculum for BSMT, BSMarE and Seafarers Course for Ratings.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, resolve as it is hereby resolved that in qualifying seafarer to the 1995 STCW requirement under Regulation VI/1, the following shall be applied:

1. Seafarers who have undergone training in Basic Fire Fighting, Personal Survival and Elementary First Aid before 01 February 1997 and who have served on board ships not less than 500GRT for at least one year within the last 5 years, shall be qualified under the 1995 STCW, provided that such seafarer: