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enacting the details of obtaining the professional competence of a ship's crew member

Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter "the Ministry") pursuant to Section 41 par. 19 of Act No. 435/2000 Coll. on Maritime Navigation, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") establishes:

Section 1 Subject matter

This Decree shall apply to a seagoing ship's crew member, except for seagoing yachts.

Section 2 Ship crew

- (1) A ship crew member is a natural person (hereinafter referred to as a "person") who has the professional competence to carry out activities corresponding to the authorization of serving on a seagoing ship and who is employed in any capacity on board a seagoing ship.
- (2) The master of a seagoing ship (hereinafter referred to as the "master") shall be a person with professional competence in the management of a seagoing ship and all related activities.
- (3) A watchkeeping deck officer shall be a person with professional competence corresponding to his authorization to carry out activities related to navigation, taking care of the cargo and its proper loading and unloading; responsible for navigation devices and equipment, rescue and fire-fighting equipment.
- (4) The first deck officer shall be a person with professional competence corresponding to his right to perform the activities referred to in paragraph 3; provides for activities related to the management of the seagoing ship's deck and represents the master if the master cannot perform his duties for any reason.
- (5) A watchkeeping engineer officer shall be a person with professional competence corresponding to his right to perform activities related to the technical condition of the seagoing ship, the operation and maintenance of the main and auxiliary machinery and other machinery on seagoing ships in manned engine rooms or to carry out activities as the watchkeeping engineer officer in unmanned engine rooms on a regular basis.
- (6) The second engineer officer is a person with professional competence corresponding to his authorization to perform the activities according to paragraph 5; represents the first engineer officer if the first engineer officer cannot, for any reason, perform his duties.
- (7) The first engineer officer shall be a person with professional competence to carry out the activities referred to in paragraph 5 and responsible for the operations related to the management of the seagoing ship's Engineering Department.

(8) An electro-technical officer is a person with professional competence corresponding to his authority to perform activities related to the technical condition, maintenance and operation of the electrical equipment of seagoing ships.

(9) An assistant is the person preparing to obtain a certificate of professional competence for the officer's function.

(10) The ship's crew shall consist of crew members, in addition to the master, the first deck officer, watchkeeping officers, the first engineer officer, the second engineer officer, the watchkeeping engineer officer, the electro-technical officer and the assistant.

(11) The Deck Department shall consist of the master, the first deck officer, watchkeeping deck officers, first class seamen, watchkeepers, sailors and assistants; the Head of the Deck Department is the first deck officer.

(12) The Engineering Department consists of the first engineer officer, the second engineer officer, watchkeeping engineer officers, the electro-technical officer, the first class engineers, watchkeeping engineers, machinists, the electrician and assistants; the head of the Engineering Department is the first engineer officer.

(13) The Economic Department consists of a ship cook and ship steward; The head of the Economic Department is the master.

(14) A training book is a book that contains records of the training of a crew member for a given function.

(15) Navigation practice is the length of service of a ship's crew member on a seagoing ship from the date of embarkation until the day of disembarkation.

Section 3

Professional competence of a ship's crew member

(1) The professional competence of a ship's crew member shall apply to a person engaged in activities related to the management and operation of a seagoing ship, with watchkeeping service, with the operation and maintenance of navigation, machinery, electrotechnical, radiocommunication and other marine equipment, with the loading of cargo, its transport and unloading as well as other activities requiring professional qualifications under the international treaty which the Slovak Republic is bound to ¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the "international treaty").

(2) A crew member shall demonstrate his professional competence by producing the following documents:

a) a certificate of professional competence for the function in question and the confirmation of the certificate of professional competence, in the case of the professional competence of a master or officer,

b) a confirmation of the recognition of the certificate of professional competence; it is only required when it comes to professional competence acquired abroad,

c) certificate of competence for a given function, in the case of a crew member's competence, apart from a master or officer,

d) certificates of competency following the completion of the qualification courses referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 required for the performance of the given function,

e) certificates of competence after completing the qualification courses pursuant to Section 18; are required only for the performance of a given function on special seagoing ships pursuant to Section 18,

f) medical certificate in accordance with the international treaty. ²⁾

¹⁾ The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 14978 (Notification of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 165/2001 Coll.) as amended.

²⁾ Chapter I, Part A-I/9 of the International Convention.

(3) Each member of the ship's crew, prior to first embarkation, shall attend basic safety training courses completed by an examination under the international treaty ³⁾

- a) the basics of first aid,
- b) personal rescue techniques,
- c) personal safety and social responsibility,
- d) basic level of fire protection,
- e) familiarization with safety risks.

(4) For the performance of the given function, advanced safety training courses which are completed by an examination under an international agreement are also required

- a) high level rescuer, ⁴⁾
- b) higher degree of fire protection, ⁵⁾
- c) medical first aid, ⁶⁾
- d) healthcare, ⁷⁾
- e) a seaman designated to carry out safety duties, ⁸⁾
- f) security officer. ⁹⁾

(5) Basic safety and advanced safety training courses (hereinafter referred to as "professional safety training courses") shall be performed by persons authorized by the Ministry or recognized by the Ministry to the extent required by the international treaty. ¹⁾

(6) Upon completion of a professional safety training course, a member of the ship's crew shall be issued with a certificate of completion of a professional safety training course or a certificate of completion of supplementary professional training courses; on the basis of these certificates a license is issued after completing a qualification course. The period of validity of the certificate of competence after passing the qualification course referred to in paragraph 3 letter c) to d), and the certificate of competence after graduating from the qualification course pursuant to paragraph 4 letter a) to (d) shall be five years from the date of taking the test.

(7) A member of the ship's crew shall, upon each embarkation on a seagoing ship before commencing duty, receive a training program and procedures in the case of danger arising under the international treaty. ¹⁰⁾

Section 4 Professional examination

(1) For the issue of a certificate of professional competence of a master, first officer, watchkeeping deck officer, first engineer officer, second engineer officer, watchkeeping engineer officer and the electro-technical officer, the successful performance of an examination shall be required before a commission designated by the Ministry, comprised of a chairman and at least four other members or before a commission recognized by the Ministry.

(2) The professional examination referred to in paragraph 1 shall consist of a written part and an oral part. After taking the professional examination, the commission shall issue a test report signed by the Chairman of the Commission and its members.

(3) If the applicant has not passed the professional examination under paragraph 1, he may take a corrective examination in accordance with the examination rules.

³⁾ Chapter VI, Part A-VI/1 and Part A-VI / 6 par. 1 to 4 of the International Convention.

⁴⁾ Chapter VI, Part A-VI/2 par. 1 to 4 of the International Convention.

⁵⁾ Chapter VI, Part A-VI/3 par. 1 to 4 of the International Convention.

⁶⁾ Chapter VI, Part A-VI/4 par. 1 to 3 of the International Convention.

⁸⁾ Chapter VI, Part VI/6 par. 6 to 8 of the International Convention.

⁹⁾ Chapter VI, Part VI/5 par. 1 to 4 of the International Convention.

¹⁰⁾ Chapter VI, Part A-VI/1 par. 1 of the International Convention.

(4) For the issue of a certificate of competence to a first-class seafarer, a watchkeeping seafarer, a first-class engineer, a watchkeeping engineer, and an electrician engineer, a successful examination shall be required before a commission designated by the Ministry, consisting of a chairman and at least two other members or a committee recognized by the Ministry.

(5) The professional examination referred to in paragraph 4 shall consist of an oral part. After taking the professional examination, the commission shall issue a test report signed by the Chairman of the Commission and its members.

(6) If the applicant has not passed the professional examination under paragraph 4, he may take a corrective examination in accordance with the examination rules.

Section 5

Issuing of a certificate of professional competence

1) The certificate of professional competence and the certificate of competence shall be issued to the applicant for the following functions:

- a) seaman,
- b) watchkeeping seafarer ,
- c) first class seafarer,
- d) watchkeeping deck officer,
- d) first deck officer,
- f) master,
- g) engineer,
- h) watchkeeping engineer,
- i) first class engineer,
- j) electrical technician
- k) watchkeeping engineer officer,
- k) second engineer officer
- k) first engineer officer
- n) electro-technical officer,
- o) ship cook,
- p) ship steward.

(2) The applicant shall attach to the application for the issue of a certificate of professional competence or a certificate of competence

- a) a certificate of professional competence for a previous function or a certificate of competence for a previous function,
- b) a medical certificate in accordance with the international treaty, ²⁾
- c) a protocol on the professional examination,
- d) a proof of required navigation experience; such a document is a seaman's book or a record of navigation experience,
- e) a proof of successful completion of qualification courses for the performance of the function, professional safety training courses and additional professional courses required to perform the function; such a document shall be a certificate of competence after completing a qualification course,
- f) two color photographs with the dimensions of 3.5 x 4.5 cm.

(3) The applicant shall enclose with the application for the issuance of a certificate of competence after the completion of a qualification course

- a) a proof of completion of a professional safety training course for the performance of a given function to the extent required by the international treaty, ¹⁾
- b) two color photographs with the dimensions of 3.5 x 4.5 cm.

(4) The documents referred to in paragraph 2 letter a) to e) and paragraph 3 letter a) shall be submitted by the applicant in the original.

(5) A certificate of professional competence, a certificate of competence, a confirmation of the recognition of a certificate of professional competence and the certificate of competence after completing the qualification course shall be issued in the Slovak and English languages.

(6) Samples of certificates of professional competence, certificates of competence and certificates of competence after completing a safety training qualification course are listed in Annex No. 1.

Section 6

Demonstration of professional competence to perform the function

(1) Master, first deck officer, watchkeeping deck officer, first engineer officer, second engineer officer, watchkeeping engineer officer, and electro-technical officer shall demonstrate their professional competence for the performance of the function by a confirmation of a certificate of professional competence or a confirmation of the recognition of a certificate of professional competence.

(2) The following is required for a confirmation of a certificate of professional competence

a) navigation experience

1. at least 12 months over the last five years in the given position,

2. at least three months in the last six months of the validity of the certificate of professional competence in the given function or

3. at least three months in the past six months of validity of the certificate of professional competence in a lower function than the holder has the certificate of professional competence for immediately prior to the commencement of the function, which the holder has a valid certificate of professional competence for, or as an officer in his capacity over a number of crew members established in the certificate on the safe occupation of the seagoing ship with the ship's crew,

b) finishing and successful completion of a qualification course for a given function, or

c) successful completion of the professional examination pursuant to Section 4 par. 1.

(3) The applicant shall enclose with the application for the issuance of a confirmation of a certificate of professional competence or a confirmation of the recognition of a certificate of professional competence

a) a certificate of professional competence,

b) a medical certificate in accordance with the international treaty, ²⁾

c) a proof of the required navigation practice pursuant to paragraph 2 a),

d) a proof of the completion of the supplementary professional training pursuant to Section 18, in the case of the confirmation of a certificate of professional competence, which is required for a special seagoing ship pursuant to Section 18,

e) a proof of the completion of professional safety training courses under Section 3 par. 3 and 4 required for the performance of that function,

f) a confirmation of the owner of the seagoing ship or operator of the seagoing ship on the commencement of the holder of the certificate of professional competence to the function specified in the certificate of professional competence, if he/she demonstrates navigation experience referred to in paragraph 2 letter a) the third point,

g) a proof of the finishing and successful completion of the qualification course,

h) a proof of successful completion of the test,

i) two color photographs with the dimensions of 3.5 x 4.5 cm.

(4) The documents referred to in paragraph 3 letter a) to h) shall be submitted by the applicant in the original.

(5) Samples of the confirmation of the certificate of professional competence and confirmation of the recognition of the certificate of professional competence are given in Annex No. 2.

Section 7

The performance of watchkeeping services and the level of responsibility

(1) On a seagoing ship, the following crew members may be included in the watchkeeping service:

- a) master,
- b) first deck officer,
- c) watchkeeping deck officer,
- d) first class seafarer,
- e) watchkeeping seafarer,

(2) The master, the first deck officer and the watchkeeping deck officer shall carry out all activities under Section 2. A watchkeeping seafarer shall carry out a watchkeeping service under the command of the master, the first deck officer or the watchkeeping deck officer. The function of watchkeeping seafarer can also be carried out by the first class seafarer.

(3) On a seagoing ship, the following crew members may be included in the watchkeeping service:

- a) first engineer officer,
- b) second engineer officer,
- c) watchkeeping engineer officer,
- d) first class engineer,
- e) watchkeeping engineer.

(4) The first engineer officer and the watchkeeping engineer officer shall carry out all activities under Section 2. The watchkeeping engineer carries out watchkeeping service under the direction of the first engineer officer, the second engineer officer or the watchkeeping engineer officer. The function of watchkeeping engineer can also be carried out by a first class engineer.

(5) Ship crew members shall perform their duties on a seagoing ship under the international treaty ¹¹⁾ at the level of responsibility

- a) management; master, first deck officer, first engineer officer and second engineer officer,
- b) operational; watchkeeping deck officer, watchkeeping engineer officer, electro-technical officer,
- c) auxiliary; other crew members.

(6) The level of responsibility of the ship's crew member under paragraph 5 shall be stated on the confirmation of the certificate of professional competence or the confirmation of the recognition of the certificate of professional competence.

(7) Ship crew members shall carry out watchkeeping service under the international treaty ¹²⁾ and the Principles of Good Maritime Practice.

¹¹⁾ Chapter I, Part A-I/1 of the International Convention.

¹²⁾ Chapter VIII of the International Convention.

Deck Department

Section 8 Deck Department ship crew

- (1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a seaman:
- a) completion of high school or vocational school,
 - b) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (2) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a watchkeeping seafarer:
- a) navigation experience of a seaman of at least six months, or the completion of the first year of a qualification course for the function of watchkeeping deck officer, and navigation experience in the Deck Department of at least two months on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage and above,
 - b) professional competence under the international treaty, ¹³⁾
 - c) completion of training for the function of a watchkeeping seafarer confirmed in the training book; the training book is attached to the issue of the certificate of competence,
 - d) taking a professional examination for the function of watchkeeping seafarer, according to Section 4 par. 4 in accordance with the international treaty, ¹³⁾
 - e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (3) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a first class seafarer:
- a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping seafarer of at least 18 months,
 - b) professional competence under the international treaty, ¹⁴⁾
 - c) completion of training for the function of a first class seafarer confirmed in the training book; the training book is attached to the issue of the certificate of competence,
 - d) performing a professional examination for the function of first class seafarer, according to Section 4 par. 4 in accordance with the international treaty, ¹⁴⁾
 - e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a).
- (4) The requirements referred to in paragraph 3 shall be deemed to be met if a first-class seafarer demonstrates navigation experience of at least 12-months in the given function over the last five years before 3 January 2013.
- (5) For the performance of the function of a seaman, the completion of advanced safety training courses pursuant to Section 3 par. 4 letter a) b) and e) shall also be required, if required by the training program.
- (6) The members of the ship's crew pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 may carry out watchkeeping service pursuant to Section 7 par. 1 letter d) on a seagoing ship without restriction.

Section 9 Watchkeeping deck officer

- (1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a watchkeeping deck officer:
- a) completion of maritime college, Department of Maritime Navigation or maritime high school, Department of Maritime Navigation or watchkeeping deck officer qualification courses,

¹³⁾ Chapter II, Part A-I/4 of the International Convention.

¹⁴⁾ Chapter II, Part A-I/5 of the International Convention.

- b) professional competence under the international treaty, ¹⁵⁾
- c) at least 12-months of navigation experience on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above as part of an approved training program that includes training on board a seagoing ship under the international treaty, ¹⁶⁾ and is recorded in the training book or navigation experience of 36 months as a watchkeeping seafarer or first class seafarer,
- d) navigation experience of at least six months from navigation experience as referred to in letter c) in watchkeeping deck service, under the direction of the master, first deck officer or watchkeeping deck officer,
- e) taking of a professional examination for the function of watchkeeping deck officer according to Section 4 par. 1 to the extent required by the international treaty; ¹⁶⁾ a properly conducted training book is attached to the professional examination,
- f) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e),
- g) passing a radar operator course,
- h) completing the Global Maritime Safety System (GMDSS) Operator course according to the international treaty, ¹⁷⁾
- i) passing the automatic radar plotting operator course (ARPA),
- j) passing the e-map and information system (ECDIS) course,
- k) Passing the bridge management course. ¹⁸⁾

(2) A watchkeeping deck officer is authorized to perform the function of a watchkeeping deck officer, without limitation, on all seagoing ships under the international treaty ¹⁸⁾, unless additional training is required for special seagoing ships under Section 18.

(3) A seagoing ship equipped with the Global Maritime Safety Systems (GMDSS) system shall require at least two watchkeeping officers to provide a proof of completion of the operator course. The deployment of a global maritime safety system (GMDSS) is not mandatory on a seagoing ship, ¹⁹⁾ the person responsible for radio communication shall comply with the Radio Regulations ²⁰⁾ and must have a license for the operation of radiocommunications equipment prescribed for the given seagoing ship.

Section 10

First deck officer

(1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the function of first deck officer on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 to 3000 RT:

- a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping deck officer of at least 12 months on a ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and more,
- b) professional competence under the international treaty, ²¹⁾
- c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of first deck officer to the extent required by the international treaty, ²¹⁾
- d) taking of a professional examination for the function of first deck officer according to Section 4 par. 1,

¹⁵⁾ Chapter VI, part A-VI/1 par. 2, A-VI/2 par. 1 to 4, A-VI/3 par. 1 to 4, A-VI/4 par. 1 to 3 of the International Convention.

¹⁶⁾ Chapter II, Part A-I/1 of the International Convention.

¹⁷⁾ Chapter IV, part A-IV/2, of the International Convention.

¹⁸⁾ Chapter II, regulation II/1 of the International Convention.

¹⁹⁾ The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974 (The Notification of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic No. 165/2001 Coll.) as amended.

²⁰⁾ Decree of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs No. 190/1968 Coll. on The International Telecommunication Convention Montreux 1965.

²¹⁾ Chapter II, Part A-II/2 of the International Convention.

e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4,

f) passing courses pursuant to Section 9 par. 1 letter g) to k).

(2) The first deck officer who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 1 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:

a) a watchkeeping officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,¹⁸⁾

b) the first deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of between 500 RT and 3000 RT in accordance with the international treaty.²²⁾

(3) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the function of first deck officer on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT or more:

a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping deck officer of at least

1. 18 months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above, of which at least six months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT gross tonnage and above,

2. 12 months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT and above or;

3. six months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT and above, in the case of a holder of a certificate of professional competence of a first deck officer under paragraph 1,

b) professional competence under the international treaty,²¹⁾

c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of first deck officer to the extent required by the international treaty,²¹⁾

d) taking of a professional examination for the function of first deck officer according to Section 4 par. 1,

e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4,

f) passing courses pursuant to Section 9 par. 1 letter g) to k).

(4) The first deck officer who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 3 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:

a) a watchkeeping deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,¹⁸⁾

b) first deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty.²³⁾

Section 11

Master

(1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the function of master on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 to 3000 RT:

a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping deck officer of at least

1. 36 months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above or

2. 24 months, from which in the function of a watchkeeping deck officer for at least 12 months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above, and in the function of first deck officer of at least 12 months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above,

b) professional competence under the international treaty,²¹⁾

c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of master to the extent required by the international treaty,²¹⁾

d) performing a professional examination for the function of master, according to Section 4 par. 1,

²²⁾ Chapter II of Regulation II/2 par. 3 and 4 of the International Convention.

²³⁾ Chapter II of Regulation II/2 par. 1 and 2 of the International Convention.

- e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4,
 - f) passing courses pursuant to Section 9 par. 1 letter g) to k).
- (2) A master who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 1 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:
- a) a watchkeeping deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,¹⁸⁾
 - b) first deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,²³⁾
 - c) the master of a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of up to 3000 RT without restriction.
- (3) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the function of master on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT and above:
- a) navigation experience of at least
 - 1. 36 months in the function of watchkeeping deck officer on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT and above, in the case of a holder of a certificate of professional competence of a first deck officer,
 - 2. 24 months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above, if at least 12 months of this have been assigned to the position of first deck officer on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 500 RT and above or
 - 3. 12 months as a master on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of between 500 and 3000 RT,
 - b) professional competence under the international treaty,²¹⁾
 - c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of master to the extent required by the international treaty,²¹⁾
 - d) performing a professional examination for the function of master, according to Section 4 par. 1,
 - e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4,
 - f) passing courses pursuant to Section 9 par. 1 letter g) to k),
- (4) The master who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 3 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:
- a) a watchkeeping deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,¹⁸⁾
 - b) first deck officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,²³⁾
 - b) master, without limitation on a seagoing ship under the international treaty.²³⁾

Engineering Department

Section 12

Engineering Department ship crew

- (1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of an engineer:
- a) completion of vocational high school or vocational school, engineering department,
 - b) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (2) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a watchkeeping engineer:
- a) navigation experience in the function of engineer on a seagoing ship of at least six months, or the completion of the first year of a qualification course for the function of watchkeeping engineer officer, and navigation experience in the Engineering Department of at least two months on a seagoing ship with a power output of 750 kW or more,

- b) professional competence under the international treaty,²⁴⁾
 - c) completion of training for the function of a watchkeeping engineer confirmed in the training book; the training book is attached to the issue of the certificate of competence,
 - d) taking a professional examination for the function of watchkeeping engineer, according to Section 4 par. 4 in accordance with the international treaty,²⁴⁾
 - e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (3) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a first class engineer:
- a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping engineer of at least 18 months on a ship with a motor power of 750 kW and above,
 - b) professional competence under the international treaty,²⁵⁾
 - c) completion of training for the function of a first class engineer confirmed in the training book; the training book is attached to the issue of the certificate of competence,
 - d) taking a professional examination for the function of first class engineer, according to Section 4 par. 4 in accordance with the international treaty,²⁵⁾
 - e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (4) The following qualification requirements are required for the performance of the function of electrical technician on a seagoing ship with a power of 750 kW or above:
- a) completion of a vocational high school or vocational school in the field of electrical engineering and navigation experience of at least 12 months in the field of electrical engineering or
 - b) completion of a qualification course for electrical technicians or a technical college, in the field of electrical engineering, electronics or mechatronics and navigation experience of at least six months in the Engineering Department in the field of electrical engineering or
 - c) a qualification which meets the technical competence requirements under the international treaty²⁶⁾ and navigation experience of at least three months in the Engineering Department in the field of electrical engineering and
 - d) professional competence under the international treaty,²⁶⁾
 - e) a valid certificate of professional competence in electrical engineering,²⁷⁾
 - f) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (5) To perform the function of engineer and watchkeeping engineer it is also required to undergo the safety training pursuant to Section 3 par. 4 letter b) and e), if it results from the approved training program according to Section 3 par. 7.
- (6) The requirements referred to in paragraph 3 and 4 shall be deemed to be met if a first-class engineer demonstrates navigation experience of at least 12 months in the given function over the last five years before 3 January 2013.
- (7) The members of the ship's crew pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 may carry out watchkeeping service pursuant to Section 7 par. 3 and 4 on a seagoing ship without restriction.

Section 13

Watchkeeping engineer officer,

²⁴⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III/4 of the International Convention.

²⁵⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III/5 of the International Convention.

²⁶⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III/7 of the International Convention.

²⁷⁾ Decree of the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic No. 508/2009 Coll., enacting the details of safety and health protection at work with pressurized, lifting, electrical and gas technical equipment, and establishing the technical equipment which are considered as dedicated technical equipment as amended.

(1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a watchkeeping engineer officer:

- a) completion of a maritime college, in the field of engineering, a technical college, in the field of engineering or a maritime high school, in the field of engineering or a qualification course for a watchkeeping engineer officer,
- b) professional competence under the international treaty,¹⁵⁾
- c) completion of professional training and work experience in a workshop and navigation experience of at least 12 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW and above, as part of an approved training program which includes training on board a seagoing ship under the international treaty²⁸⁾ and is recorded in a training book or navigation experience of at least 36 months in the function of watchkeeping engineer or a first class engineer, of which at least 30 months of navigation experience in the engine room,
- d) navigation experience of at least six months of navigation experience as referred to in letter c) in watchkeeping engineer service, under the direction of the first engineering officer, the second engineer officer or watchkeeping engineer officer,
- e) taking a professional examination for the function of watchkeeping engineer officer according to Section 4 par. 1 to the extent required by the international treaty;²⁸⁾ a properly conducted training book is attached to the professional examination,
- f) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e),
- g) passing an engine room control course.²⁸⁾

(2) A watchkeeping engineer officer shall be authorized to perform the function of a watchkeeping engineer officer without limitation on a seagoing ship under the international treaty.²⁹⁾

Section 14 Second engineer officer

(1) The following qualification requirements are required for the performance of the function of Second engineer officer on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW to 3000 kW:

- a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping engineer officer of at least 12 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW and above,
- b) professional competence under the international treaty,³⁰⁾
- c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of first engineer officer to the extent required by the international treaty,³⁰⁾
- d) taking of a professional examination for the function of second engineer officer according to Section 4 par. 1 to the extent required by the international treaty,³⁰⁾
- e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e).

(2) The second engineer officer who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 1 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:

- a) watchkeeping engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,²⁹⁾
- b) the second engineer officer on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of up to 3000 kW under the international treaty.³¹⁾

²⁸⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III / 1 of the International Convention.

²⁹⁾ Chapter III, Regulation III / 1 of the International Convention.

³⁰⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III / 3 of the International Convention.

(3) The following qualification requirements are required for the performance of the function of second engineer officer on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 3000 kW and above:

- a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping engineer officer of at least
 1. 18 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW to 3000 kW, of which at least six months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 3000 kW and above,
 2. 12 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 3000 kW and above or
 3. six months on a seagoing ship with gross tonnage of 3000 RT and above, in the case of a holder of a certificate of second engineer officer under paragraph 1,
- b) professional competence under the international treaty,³²⁾
- c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of first engineer officer to the extent required by the international treaty,³²⁾
- d) taking of a professional examination for the function of second engineer officer according to Section 4 par. 1,
- e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e).

(4) The second engineer officer who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 3 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:

- a) watchkeeping engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,²⁹⁾
- a) second engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty.³³⁾

Section 15

First engineer officer

(1) The following qualification requirements are required for the performance of the function of first engineer officer on a seagoing ship with the main engine power of 750 kW to 3000 kW:

- a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping engineer officer of at least 24 months, of which in the function of second engineer officer for at least 12 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW or above,
- b) professional competence under the international treaty,³⁰⁾
- c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of first engineer officer to the extent required by the international treaty,³⁰⁾
- d) taking of a professional examination for the function of first engineer officer according to Section 4 par. 1,
- e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e).

(2) The first engineer officer who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 1 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:

- a) watchkeeping engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,²⁹⁾
- b) second engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,³³⁾

³¹⁾ Chapter III, Regulation III/3 of the International Convention.

³²⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III/2 of the International Convention.

³³⁾ Chapter III, Regulation III/2 of the International Convention.

c) the first engineer officer on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW to 3000 kW under the international treaty.³¹⁾

(3) The following qualification requirements are required for the performance of the function of first engineer officer on a seagoing ship with a power of 3000 kW and above:

a) navigation experience in the function of watchkeeping engineer officer of at least

1. 36 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power 3000 kW and above, in the case of a holder of a certificate of second engineer officer or

2. 24 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW and above, from this at least 12 months in the function of second engineer officer on a seagoing ship with a maximum engine power of 750 kW and above,

b) professional competence under the international treaty,³²⁾

c) successful completion of a qualification course for the function of first engineer officer to the extent required by the international treaty,³²⁾

d) taking of a professional examination for the function of first engineer officer according to Section 4 par. 1 to the extent required by the international treaty,³²⁾

e) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e).

(4) The first engineer officer who meets the qualification requirements under paragraph 3 shall be entitled to perform the following functions:

a) watchkeeping engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,²⁹⁾

b) second engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty,³³⁾

b) first engineer officer, without limitation, on a seagoing ship under the international treaty.³³⁾

Section 16 Electro-technical officer

(1) The following qualification requirements are required for the performance of the function of electro-technical officer on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW and above:

a) completion

1. a Technical college, in the field of electrical engineering or technical high school with a school leaving examination, in the field of electrical engineering, if the content of the study complies with the requirements of the International Convention³⁴⁾ and navigation experience in the function of electrical technician of at least 12 months on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW and above, in the case of a college graduate or at least 24 months in the case of a graduate of a technical high school,

2. a qualification course at the operational level in the electro-technical officer specialization in accordance with the requirements of the international treaty³⁴⁾ and is the holder of a certificate professional competence of a watchkeeping engineer officer with a valid confirmation of the issuance of this certificate and a minimum of 24 months experience on a seagoing ship with a main engine power of 750 kW and above in the Engineering Department with an electro-technical officer specialization, or

3. a qualification course at the operational level in the electro-technical officer specialization in accordance with the requirements of the international agreement³⁴⁾ and a minimum of 36 months of experience in the Engineering Department on a seagoing ship with a main engine

³⁴⁾ Chapter III, Part A-III/6 of the International Convention.

- power of 750 kW and above, of which at least six months in the watchkeeping engineer service according to the approved training program,
- b) certificate of professional competence in electrical engineering, ²⁷⁾
 - c) taking of a professional examination for the function of electro-technical officer according to Section 4 par. 1; a properly conducted training book is attached to the examination,
 - d) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses and advanced safety training under Section 3 par. 4 letter a) to c) and e).
- (2) An electro-technical officer shall be authorized to perform the function of electro-technical officer on a seagoing ship without restriction.
- (3) The requirements referred to in paragraph 1 shall be deemed to be met if a electro-technical officer demonstrates navigation experience of at least 12 months in the given function over the last five years before 3 January 2013.

Economic Department

Section 17

Economic Department ship crew

- (1) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a ship steward:
- a) the completion of hotel academy or vocational college, in the field of public catering (chef/waiter),
 - b) experience in the waiter field of at least 12 months,
 - c) health card for work in the field of public catering,
 - d) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.
- (2) The following qualifications are required for the performance of the duties of a ship cook:
- a) completion of vocational high school or a vocational school, in the field of public catering (chef/waiter),
 - b) experience in the field of cook of at least 24 months,
 - c) health card for work in the field of public catering,
 - d) successful completion of professional basic safety training courses.

Section 18

Additional training for special seagoing ships

- (1) For the performance of duties on special seagoing ships such as tankers to transport crude oil, petroleum, products, chemicals and liquefied gases, seagoing passenger ships, seagoing passenger ships of the Ro-Ro type and seagoing ships carrying dangerous cargo, it is required that a member of the ship's crew undergo additional training. Training in the form of supplementary vocational courses completed by a professional examination is carried out by the Ministry authorized or recognized legal entities.
- (2) It is required on a seagoing ship carrying dangerous goods that the watchkeeping deck officer and the first deck officer undergo supplementary training for the transport of dangerous goods to the extent required by the international treaty. ³⁵⁾
- (3) Every member of the ship's crew to whom special duties and responsibilities relating to cargo or cargo storage and handling facilities on a sea tanker for the transport of oil,

³⁵⁾ Chapter V, Part B-V/b and B-V/c of the International Convention.

petroleum products and chemicals, shall complete basic supplementary training for operations related to the cargo of the seagoing tanker to the extent required by the international treaty.³⁶⁾

(4) The certificate of competence after completing the basic additional training course for operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of oil, petroleum products and chemicals shall be issued to a member of the ship's crew who has undergone basic training under the international treaty³⁷⁾ and has completed navigation experience of at least three months on a sea tanker for the transport of oil, petroleum products and chemicals and has professional competence under the international treaty³⁸⁾ or has completed approved basic training for sea tanker cargo for the transport of oil, petroleum products and chemicals and has professional competence under the international treaty.³⁸⁾

(5) The master, first engineer officer, first deck officer, second engineer officer, and persons with direct responsibility for loading, unloading, care during transportation, cargo handling, tank cleaning and other oil-related oil tanker operations, must undergo a advanced level of supplementary training for operations related to sea tanker cargo and for the transport of oil and petroleum products.

(6) The certificate of competence after the completion of an advanced supplementary training course for operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of oil and petroleum products shall be issued to a crew member who has completed basic supplementary training as referred to in paragraph 3 and navigation experience of at least three months on a sea tanker for the transport of oil and petroleum products, or has completed a navigation experience of at least one month on a sea tanker for the transport of chemicals in the function of an auxiliary force comprising of at least three loading operations and three unloading operations and recorded and confirmed in a training book in accordance with the international treaty³⁹⁾ and approved advanced training for oil-tanker oil and oil tanker-related operations and has professional competence under the international treaty.⁴⁰⁾

(7) The master, first engineer officer, first deck officer, second engineer officer, and persons with direct responsibility for loading, unloading, care during transportation, cargo handling, tank cleaning and other operations related to cargo for sea tankers for the transport of chemicals must undergo advanced supplementary training for operations related to the cargo of sea tankers for the transport of chemicals.

(8) The certificate of competence after the completion of an advanced supplementary training course for operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of chemicals shall be issued to a crew member who has completed basic supplementary training as referred to in paragraph 3 and navigation experience of at least three months on a sea tanker for the transport of chemicals, or has completed navigation experience of at least one month on a sea tanker for the transport of chemicals in the function of an auxiliary force comprised of at least three loading operations and three unloading operations which is recorded and confirmed in a training book in accordance with the international treaty³⁹⁾ and approved advanced training for operations related sea tanker cargo for the transport of chemicals and has professional competence under the international treaty.⁴¹⁾

(9) Basic supplementary training as referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 and advanced supplementary training as referred to in paragraphs 5 to 8 shall be renewed by the

³⁶⁾ Chapter V part B-V/b and B-V/c of the International Convention.

³⁷⁾ Chapter VI, Part A-VI/1 of the International Convention.

³⁸⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/1-1 par. 1 International Convention.

³⁹⁾ Chapter V, Part B-V/1 of the International Convention.

⁴⁰⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/1-1 par. 2 of the International Convention.

⁴¹⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/1-1 par. 3 of the International Convention.

demonstration of navigation experience for the transport of oil, petroleum products and chemicals for at least three months during the last five years or graduation and the successful completion of the supplementary training required for a given function on special seagoing ships; proof of navigation experience is a seaman's book or a record of navigation experience.

(10) Every member of the ship's crew to whom special duties and responsibilities relating to cargo or cargo storage and handling facilities on a sea tanker for the transport of liquefied gases, shall complete basic supplementary training for operations related to the seagoing tanker cargo for the transport of liquefied gases.

(11) The certificate of competence after completing the basic supplementary training course for operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of liquefied gases, shall be issued to a member of the ship's crew who has undergone basic training under the international treaty ³⁷⁾ and has completed navigation experience of at least three months on a sea tanker for the transport of liquefied gases and has professional competence under the international treaty ⁴²⁾ or has completed approved basic training for sea tanker cargo for the transport of liquefied gases and has professional competence under the international treaty. ⁴²⁾

(12) The master, first engineer officer, first deck officer, first engineer officer, and persons with direct responsibility for loading, unloading, care during transportation, cargo handling, tank cleaning and other operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of liquefied gases, must undergo advanced supplementary training for operations related to sea tanker cargo and for the transport of liquefied gases.

(13) The certificate of competence after the completion of an advanced supplementary training course for operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of liquefied gases shall be issued to a ship crew member who has completed basic supplementary training as referred to in paragraph 11 and navigation experience of at least three months on a sea tanker for the transport of liquefied gases, or has completed navigation experience of at least one month on a sea tanker for the transport of liquefied gases in the function of an auxiliary force comprised of at least three loading operations and three unloading operations which is recorded and confirmed in a training book in accordance with the international treaty ³⁹⁾ and approved advanced training for operations related to sea tanker cargo for the transport of liquefied gases and has professional competence under the international treaty. ⁴³⁾

(14) On seagoing passenger ships, including Ro-Ro type passenger ships, additional training is required to perform the given function, namely

a) for each member of the ship's crew, to complete basic training on a seagoing passenger ship to the extent required by the international treaty, ⁴⁴⁾

b) for the master, officers and members of the ship's crew, carrying out activities related to the care of passengers in emergency situations, to undergo training in crowd management to the extent required by the international treaty, ⁴⁵⁾

c) for each member of the ship's crew who is directly involved in activities related to caring for passengers in passenger areas, to undergo professional training in passenger care to the extent required by the international treaty, ⁴⁶⁾

d) for the master, first deck officer, first engineer officer, second engineer officer and those crew members responsible for the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, handling, consolidation and unloading of the cargo and for the closure of the ship's premises, the

⁴²⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/1-2 par. 1 International Convention.

⁴³⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/1-2 par. 2 of the International Convention.

⁴⁴⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/2 of the International Convention.

⁴⁵⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/2 par. 1 of the International Convention.

⁴⁶⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/2 par. 2 of the International Convention.

completion of professional training of the safety of passengers, cargo and the tightness of the hull to the extent required by the international treaty,⁴⁷⁾

e) for the master, first deck officer, first engineer officer, second engineer officer and those crew members responsible for the safety of passengers in emergency situations, to undergo training in crowd management in crisis situations to the extent required by the international treaty.⁴⁸⁾

(15) Certificates of professional competence certificates for supplementary vocational training pursuant to paragraph 14 letter b), (d) and e) shall be valid for five years from the date of taking the professional examination.

(16) On a seagoing ship equipped with a fast rescue boat, a member of the ship's crew designated for the management of a rescue boat shall require a supplementary training course to the extent required by the international treaty.⁴⁹⁾

Section 19 Medical examination

(1) A member of the ship's crew shall demonstrate medical fitness by a medical certificate according to Section 3 par. 2 letter f)

a) before the employment relationship is concluded,

b) before a professional examination for the issue of a certificate of professional competence, a certificate of competence, a confirmation of a certificate of professional competence or a confirmation of the recognition of a certificate of professional competence,

c) before embarkation on a sea-going ship.

(2) A medical examination is:

a) an entry examination, examining the applicant's comprehensive health status, including specialized pre-employment examinations, as well as prior to the transfer of the job seeker, for which his medical fitness is verified,

b) regular, during which the medical fitness of a crew member for the performance of a given post before the expiry of the medical certificate is periodically assessed,

c) extraordinary; an extraordinary medical examination may also be an outbound medical check-up prior to the termination of an employment relationship during which the ship's crew member's medical fitness may have changed.

(3) An extraordinary medical examination shall be carried out at the proposal of

a) a member of the ship's crew,

b) the Ministry or the owner of the seagoing ship or its operator, if

1. the crew member in the performance of duties shall have deficiencies related to his health state which may jeopardize the safety of the seagoing voyage,

2. the ship's crew member was a direct participant in a marine casualty and shall request it from the authority investigating the casualty,

3. There has been a serious change in the health of a member of the ship's crew which restricts or prevents the proper performance of the given function, such as severe injury, long-term incapacity for work or repatriation for medical reasons, also before carrying out a professional examination.

(4) A Ministry appointed authorized medical examiner pursuant to Section 41 par. 2 letter b) and c) may complete further professional examinations in accordance with the international treaty.⁵⁰⁾

⁴⁷⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/2 par. 4 of the International Convention.

⁴⁸⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/2 par. 3 of the International Convention.

⁴⁹⁾ Chapter V Part A-V/2 par. 7 to 12 of the International Convention.

⁵⁰⁾ Chapter I, Part B-I/9 of the International Convention.

Section 20 Medical certificate

- (1) The medical certificate shall be issued to a member of the ship's crew by the Ministry authorized physician under the authority of Section 41 of the Act on the basis of the results of the medical examination pursuant to Section 19 par. 2, which shall be subject to medical confidentiality.
- (2) The medical certificate of the ship's crew member for the performance of the given function includes one of the following:
- a) capable of providing services,
 - b) incapable of providing services,
 - c) capable of providing services with limitations; the limitations are clearly stated in the medical certificate.
- (3) The medical certificate must specifically indicate that
- a) hearing and vision of a ship's crew member and color vision, if a crew member is employed in a position where the competence for work is affected by inadequate color vision, are satisfactory, and
 - b) the ship's crew member does not suffer from a health state likely to deteriorate in the service of the seagoing ship or which would result in the incapacity of a crew member to perform such a service or endanger the health of other persons on board a seagoing ship.
- (4) If a medical certificate of a crew member contains an assessment under paragraph 2 letter b) or c) due to working time, place of work or navigation area, the ship's crew member may be allowed to undergo another medical examination with another healthcare provider.
- (5) Members of the ship's crew who are assigned to the watchkeeping service, who have health claims arising from night-time service, shall be assigned to a suitable day service if the operation of the seagoing ship allows it.
- (6) If the Ministry authorized physician discovers that a ship's crew member does not meet the health requirements for the performance of that function, he shall state this fact in the medical certificate and send the medical certificate to the Ministry.
- (7) A sample of the medical certificate of the ship's crew member in the Slovak language and the English language is provided in Annex No. 3.

Section 21 Training on safety and health at work

Training on safety and health at work of a ship's crew member is provided by the owner of the seagoing ship or its operator and includes

- a) the basic training, which a member of the ship's crew completes prior to first embarkation on a seagoing ship,
- b) safety training that a crew member completes after boarding a seagoing ship.⁵¹⁾

Section 22 Exchange of certificates and the confirmation of certificates

⁵¹⁾ Chapter I, Part A-I/14 of the International Convention.

(1) Exchange of certificates of professional competence, certificates of competence and the confirmation of professional competence shall be carried out at the written request of the applicant. Upon the exchange of certificates of professional competence, the applicant shall submit the original certificate of professional competence and documents under Section 5 par. 3 and 4.

(2) Proof of professional competence for individual functions issued before the entry into force of this Decree shall be exchanged as follows:

- a) the seafarers' certificate of competence shall be exchanged for the certificate of competence of the ship's crew member,
- b) the certificate of competence of a naval officer shall be exchanged for the certificate of professional competence of the naval officer,
- c) the confirmation of the certificate of competence shall be exchanged for the confirmation of the certificate of professional competence.

Section 23

This Decree takes over the legally binding acts of the European Union listed in Annex No. 4.

Section 24

The Decree of the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic of 16 January 2002 No. 66/M-2002 enacting the details of acquiring professional competence of a member of a ship's crew (notice No. 31/2002 Coll.) is canceled.

Section 25

This Decree enters into force on 20 November 2014.

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