



## QMII Maritime News June 2010

### ISM Code Amendment Effective July 1, 2010

The IMO has released a 2010 Amendment to the ISM Code. You can purchase a copy of the updated ISM Code which includes this amendment at IMO.org. QMII is happy to provide all alumni with an updated copy of the standard as provided in our course. Please email [maritime@aworldofquality](mailto:maritime@aworldofquality.com) if you would like a copy. Keep reading below for more information about the changes.

### Port Facility Security Officer Certification

QMII's Maritime Security Officer course is now certified by USCG for VSO, CSO and PFSO. Read our [press release](#) and learn more about it [here](#).

### Vessel Security Officer Refresher Course

QMII is offering a VSO Refresher Course for mariners who meet the criteria. For more information, check out our [VSO Refresher Course](#) page.

### Uninspected Towing Vessel Training for the Towing Vessel Bridging Program (TVBP)

The USCG has started inspections of uninspected towing vessels including tugs, tow boats and barges. QMII has developed a course for inspectors, owners, operators and pilots to be prepared for these inspections. Stay ahead of the curve and register now! Read our [press release](#) or [get more information](#) about the course.

### Designated Person Ashore

In response to feedback from our alumni and other maritime contacts, QMII developed a course covering requirements for DPAs. Find out more about this great class [here](#).

### Supply Chain Security

Today, almost every company needs to be concerned with supply chain security. For folks in the shipping industry, this is of paramount importance. Learn more about QMII's RABQSA certified [lead auditor course in supply chain security](#).

### ISM Code Changes

Effective 1st July 2010 the new ISM Code 2010 will come into force. These changes are as per the IMO Resolution A.741(18) as amended by MSC.104(73). The IMO Resolution A.913(22) 'Revised Guidelines on implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations' – will also be replaced with new 'Guidelines on implementation of the ISM Code by Flag States.

The definition of the Major Non-Conformity (MNC) in 1.1.10 has been modified to encompass "the lack of effective and systematic implementation of a requirement of this Code" as an option. This has removed the doubt that there were two criteria for defining a MNC.

In 1.2.2.2 has been amended to get much closer and clarify that there is an expectation that the Company will adopt a risk based approach to managing safety.

The change in Master's Responsibility and Authority under 5.1.5 has removed the uncertainty by including the word 'periodically' – this level of uncertainty has been reduced to some extent but is left to the Company to decide what that period between Master's reviews of the SMS should be.

In clause 7 changes have been made to enhance the scope of the requirement for establishing those procedures and plans to beyond just the ship and pollution but also to include personnel and the environment.

In clause 8.1 as in clause 7 the amendment to the code now requires the company to establish a procedure to respond to emergencies.

Clause 9.2 Reports and Analysis of NCs, Accidents and Hazardous Occurrences now includes a requirement to include measures intended to prevent recurrence. It has emphasized the need to prevent recurrence.

Maintenance of the Ship and Equipment 10.3 has been amended and now this Section results in a much clearer risk assessment type approach whereby the hazards are initially to be identified by the Company and the role of the SMS **procedures is to introduce risk control measures.**

The original wording of the Code left the frequency of the Internal Audits to the discretion of the Company, although industry standard practice and requirements of certain Administrations required Internal Audits to be carried out at least annually.

This has now been confirmed by these most recent amendments. There is a possibility of an extension of 3 months beyond the 12 months – but this is qualified that such an extension should only be allowed in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Companies will need to ensure that they very carefully plan their Internal Audits and ensure that they are carried out within the 12 month stipulated period. The opportunity was also taken to clarify an ambiguity which had previously existed – such that it is now very clear that the Internal Audits apply to both on board ship and office audits.

The change in Company Verification, Review and Evaluation per 12.2 is interesting and makes it clear that it is not necessarily the efficiency of the SMS which the Company should be evaluating but, rather, it is the effectiveness.

Certification and Periodical Verification 13.12, is a new provision and clarifies the situation as to the effective dates which should be applied to SMCs should the renewal verification be completed after the existing SMS has expired.

13.14 is a new provision and recognizes the fact that, on occasions, even though the vessel may be in port, it simply may not be feasible to conduct a renewal verification at that time. It could be that it is simply not possible for the Auditor from the Administration / RO to reach the particular port. In such circumstances, the vessel would be allowed to proceed to the next port where such arrangements could be made.

14.4.3 This amendment is simply to clarify that the audit must be planned within three months of an Interim SMC being issued. It should also be noted that IMO Resolution A.913(22) 'Revised Guidelines on Implementation of the ISM Code by Administrations' is to be replaced with a new set of 'Guidelines' which will take into account the amendments to the ISM Code highlighted in IMO Resolution MSC.273 (85).

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