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Notice to all ship owners, Operators, Masters, Officers, Ratings, and those concerned with Maritime Trade

Subject: **Amendments to Part A of "STCW" Code**

Reference: Resolution MSC.560(108) (adopted on 23 May 2024)

1. Purpose

This Merchant Shipping Notice is issued to inform all shipowners, ship managers, operators, agents, Masters of Pakistani-flagged vessels, Recognized Organizations (ROs), All institutes who conduct basic safety courses that a new amendment vide reference "Resolution MSC 560(108), adopted on 23 May'2024 will be enforced on 1st January'2026.

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance regarding Amendment in basic safety course of "Personal safety and social responsibilities"

2. Application

All those institutes who conduct a training course of "Proficiency in personal safety and social responsibilities" would need to revise their syllabus for the subject in view of Resolution MSC 560(108) which includes the Revised Table A-VI/1-4 (specification of minimum standard of competence in Personal safety and social responsibilities).

Table includes Topic "Contribute to the prevention of and response to violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault"

All those institutes who conduct this course need to Revise their "PSSR" syllabus and submit at DGPS' for approval as soon as possible.

PSSR certificate also need to be revised and a amended as follows.

Chapter VI, Regulation VI/1, of STCW convention 1978, as amended and
Chapter VI, Section A-VI-1, Para 2 & Table A-VI/1-4 of STCW code 1978, as amended vide Resolution MSC.560(108).

As enforcement date of this Amendment is 1st January 2026. Hence all previous certificates of PSSR will stand cancelled on 1st January'2026 except those who will be sailing on board awaiting completion of contract.
All institutes who submit their Revised Syllabus in view of Resolution MSC 560(108) can issue revised certificate,

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