



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND INSULAR POLICY
HELLENIC COAST GUARD
DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SHIPPING

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: "Communication of information under the provisions of Article IV & Regulation I/7 and I/8 of the International Convention STCW 1978, as amended- the incorporation the MSC Resolution 560 (108)/ "Guidelines on the Certification of seafarers for the training on Basic training Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities".

REF: IMO MSC Resolution 560 (108)

1. Please be informed of the incorporation of the MSC Resolution 560 (108) into the Hellenic Republic's national Legal framework by the No. B' 5352/08.10.2025 Official Governmental Gazette, incorporating the descriptions of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills:

"Competence, Knowledge, Understanding and Proficiency (KUP), methods for demonstrating competence and criteria for evaluating competence regarding contributing to the prevention of and response to violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying and sexual assault."

2. In compliance with the above IMO Resolution, the Hellenic Republic, has revised its approved Basic Training Course and the aforementioned requirements have been integrated into the training curricula of the Hellenic Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) for Basic Training Certification. The practical implementation of the standards arising from the provisions of the MSC 560(108) Resolution comes into force on the 1st January 2026. All seafarers, who will attend the revised Basic Training **from 1/1/2026 and onwards**, will be certified with a Certificate of Basic Training, complying thus with the new provisions.

3. Basic Training Certificates issued **prior** to this date will remain valid until their expiration. Greek Seafarers already joining seagoing vessels and holders of Basic Training Certificates or those who will join seagoing vessels from 1/1/2026 will continue to carry their Certificates until their expiry date. The aforementioned seafarers will be trained in the new competence of Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities in the refreshment training course of all basic training for Chapter VI, which Seafarers undertake mandatorily, prior for the renewal of their Certificates of Competency.

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