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**Sub: Clarification on MSN 04 of 2022 dated 04.04.2022 regarding Continued Professional Competence of seafarers in possession of Certificate of Competency (CoC) of the nautical discipline - reg.**

1. This Directorate has received queries seeking clarifications regarding continued professional competency requirement as per the MSN 04 of 2022 dated 04.04.2022 for seafarers in possession of Certificate of Competency of the nautical discipline. In this regard following is clarified:

2. **Query No. 1 – Whether the seminar can be conducted online?**

**Clarification** - The Seminars as required by MSN 04 of 2022 dated 04.04.2022, may also be conducted online.

3. **Query No. 2 - Is it required that MTI conducting this course is approved by DGS?**

**Clarification** – As per sub rule (4) of Rule 14 of MS STCW Rules 2014, it is the responsibility of the shipping company to ensure that texts of recent changes in national and international regulations concerning the safety of life at sea, security and the protection of the marine environment are made available to ships. The said Rules do not require approval of the Directorate with regard to the updates being provided to the ship. The MSN 04 of 2022 only formalizes this mechanism.

Hence, no separate approval is required for the information on continued professional competence being provided by the service provider. The aim of such seminars is to provide information about latest changes and developments taking place in the national and international maritime sector. The seminars shall be conducted in such a way to provide continued professional competence to seafarer's knowledge.

4. **Query No. 3 – Define the company with regard to this MSN 04 of 2022**

**Clarification** – As per MS (STCW) Rules 2014:

*“Company” means the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as the manager or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship from the ship-owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed on the company by the STCW Convention and these rules”.*

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5. **Query No. 4 – Can RPSL Company conduct the seminar as per this MSN?**

**Clarification** - RPSL companies cannot conduct such seminars. However, if the RPSL company fulfills all the criteria of “company” specified in MS (STCW) Rules, 2014 such companies may conduct the seminars.

6. **Query No. 5 – Can India Coastal Conference Shipping Association (ICCSA) conduct the seminar as per this MSN?**

**Clarification** - Para 5 of MSN 04 of 2022 dated 04.04.2022, Permits the professional bodies to conduct the seminars. Since ICCSA is a professional body of coastal vessels owners, the seminars may be conducted by ICCSA provided it covers the topics and other requirements as mentioned in the MSN.

7. **Query No. 6 - Is there any specific duration for the seminar that the service provider is required to comply with?**

**Clarification** - The duration for such seminars shall preferably not exceed 01 day (approx 06-08 hrs) at a time. This will enable seafarers to participate in the seminar effectively.

8. **Query no. 7 – Eligibility and applicability**

**Clarification** – It is applicable for all **Foreign Going (FG) /Near Coastal Vessel (NCV)** grade CoC holders of the nautical discipline.

9. **Query no. 8 - What is the number of participants permissible for the seminar?**

**Clarification** – As most of the online platforms currently provide single view in the screen for about 24 blocks (participants), the total number of participant for online session may not exceed 24 for each session.

Offline seminar being conducted by companies need to consider that the intent is to update the knowledge of the seafarer with the latest development in shipping.

Hence, the number of participants in such seminar should be limited to the number for which effective interaction for updating of knowledge can take place.

10. **Query No. 9 – What are the topics to cover and syllabus of the seminar?**

**Clarification** – Topic to be covered are as mentioned in the MSN. As the purpose of the said seminar is to enhance the knowledge and make seafarers aware of latest developments in shipping, it may also include learning from casualty incidents that have taken place and changes in International and national instruments likely to take place in future.

11. **Query No. 10 – What is the Interval between to such seminars?**

**Clarification** – 02 numbers of such seminar are to be attended within a period of 05 years as mentioned in the MSN.

This is issued with approval of the Competent Authority.



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