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Title	New STCW-F Code-Fishing vessels
Reference	STCW- Amendments to the F Convention

**STCW- Amendments to the F Convention and the New STCW-F Code**

In support of recent efforts at the IMO to see the 2012 Cape Town Agreement enter into force and establish international standards for the safe operation of fishing vessels, a comprehensive review of the 1995 STCW-F Convention was conducted with view to update seafarer training standards for fishing vessels.

Concluding the comprehensive review of the 1995 STCW-F Convention, the Committee adopted resolution MSC.526(108), introducing amendments to the STCW-F Convention as well as a new STCW-F Code to support the implementation of the Convention for seafarers employed on fishing vessels. Numerous revisions to the STCW-F Convention have been made to parallel the scope of the STCW Convention and to provide a standard better adapted to technological, regulatory, operational and other related industry developments.

Similarly, the new STCW-F Code is structured similarly to the STCW Code and is intended to establish clear standards for training, certification and watchkeeping for fishing vessel Personnel.

Application: The revisions to the 1995 STCW-F Convention and new draft STCW-F Code will enter into force on January 1, 2026, and are relevant to personnel serving onboard seagoing fishing vessels designated to fly the flag of a Party to the STCW-F Convention.

REFERENCES:

- STCW- Amendments to the F Convention

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