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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 13-25

To: **Owners/Operators, Masters, Crewmembers, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations**

Subject: **NEW STCW REQUIREMENT FOR SEAFARERS**

Date: **9 December 2025**

All Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-certified seafarers who begin Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PSSR) training on or after 1 January 2026 must receive instruction covering a new competence related to preventing and responding to violence and harassment, including sexual harassment, bullying, and sexual assault.

RMI seafarers renewing Basic Training on or after 1 January 2026 **must** ensure that the PSSR component has been refreshed to include this competence.

Importantly, **existing** RMI Basic Training Special Qualification Certificates will remain valid until the expiration date of each individual RMI Seafarers' Identification and Record Book.

This competence is set out in amendments to the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code adopted by the International Maritime Organization through Resolution [MSC.560\(108\)](#). These amendments revise Table A-VI/1-4 (Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities) and enter into force on 1 January 2026.

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.