

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON THE SUBMISSION AND CABINET MEMO ON THE RATIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARD OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCH KEEPING FOR FISHING VESSELS PERSONNEL, 1995(STCW-F)

The purpose of the submission is request the Minister to approve the contents of submission and cabinet memo for ratification of International Convention on Standard of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessels Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F) and also sign the Cabinet Memorandum requesting Cabinet to approve and support the tabling of International Convention on Standard of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for fishing Vessels Personnel, 1995, (STCW-F), to Parliament

South Africa is a party to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (herein referred to as STCW Convention), In June 2010, the IMO adopted the 2010 amendments to the STCW Convention in Manila. In 1995 the IMO adopted STCW-F and it entered into force in September 2012. The Convention prescribes minimum standards relating to training, certification and watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel, which countries are obliged to meet or exceed. Presently, it is estimated that annually more than 24. 000 lives are lost world-wide during fishing operations which is a most deploring record indeed.

If the convention is ratified or acceded to, South African standards of training, certification and watch keeping for fishing vessel personnel will be recognised internationally. Early this year in 2013, South Africa ratified work in fishing convention, 2007 which emanates from the International Labour Organization (ILO). the STCW-F Convention will apply to crew onboard seagoing fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and above. It sets the regulatory framework for the training and certification of personnel employed on board fishing vessels with a view to improve the safety of life and property at sea.

The Convention was also consulted with the following Industries, namely SAMSA, Project Maritime Training, Marine Crewing Services, Servest Marine, SAMTRA, TETA, Academy of Maritime Medicine, Bargaining Council for Fishing Industry, Premier Fishing, TNPA, School of Shipping, Smit Amandla Marine, Sea Havest and Cape Peninsula University of Technology..



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