

## **A-9:INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL**

**Name of the Convention:** International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel

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**Acronym or short name:** STCW-F

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**International organisation in charge of it:** International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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### **Summary description :**

The Convention applies to crews of seagoing fishing vessels generally of 24 metres in length and above (art.3). Requirements for crews on fishing vessels should be developed as a Protocol to the main STCW Convention, but after careful consideration it was agreed that it would be better to adopt a completely separate Convention. The Convention is the first attempt to make standards of safety for crews of fishing vessels mandatory internationally. The STCW-F Convention is comparatively short and consists of 15 articles and an annex containing technical regulations. **Chapter I** contains General Provisions and **Chapter II** deals with Certification of Skippers, Officers, Engineer Officers and Radio Operators.

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**Date of first approval:** 7 July 1995

**Date of coming into force:** 29 September 2012

**Dates of revision:** no

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**Reasons of revisions:** no

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**Applicability (situation of ratification):** The Convention shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 15 States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance, or approval, or have deposited the requisite instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 11 (art.12).

**STCW-F:** 16 States (as of 2 Dec.2013)

**Stakes for ports:** Ports States Authorities enshrine their right to control fishing vessels. Fishing vessels while in the port of another Party are subjected to control by Port State Control Officers

in order to verify that all persons serving on board who are required to be certificated by this Convention are so certificated (art.8). The control is limited to the verification of certificate and assessment of ability of the fishing vessel personnel to maintain watchkeeping standards required by the Convention (Annex, regulation 4)

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**Links with other conventions:** [STCW](#), [Torremolinos Protocol 1993](#)

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**Key-words:** fishing vessel, training, certification, co-operation, control procedures

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**Internet hyperlink with other website:**

<http://www.imo.org/>

<http://www.fao.org/>

<http://www.ilo.org/>

(full text) <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/seldoc/1995/4312.html>

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