

Excerpt from the STCW-Code

THE MANILA AMENDMENTS TO THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE

PART A

Mandatory standards regarding provisions of the annex to the STCW Convention

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Section A-VIII/2

Watchkeeping arrangements and principles to be observed

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PART 4 – WATCHKEEPING AT SEA

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Part 4-1 – Principles to be observed in keeping a navigational watch

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Watchkeeping under different conditions and in different areas

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Ship at anchor

If the master considers it necessary, a continuous navigational watch shall be maintained at anchor. While at anchor, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall:

- .1 determine and plot the ship's position on the appropriate chart as soon as practicable;
- .2 when circumstances permit, check at sufficiently frequent intervals whether the ship is remaining securely at anchor by taking bearings of fixed navigation marks or readily identifiable shore objects;
- .3 ensure that proper lookout is maintained;
- .4 ensure that inspection rounds of the ship are made periodically;
- .5 observe meteorological and tidal conditions and the state of the sea;
- .6 notify the master and undertake all necessary measures if the ship drags anchor;
- .7 ensure that the state of readiness of the main engines and other machinery is in accordance with the master's instructions;
- .8 if visibility deteriorates, notify the master;
- .9 ensure that the ship exhibits the appropriate lights and shapes and that appropriate sound signals are made in accordance with all applicable regulations; and
- .10 take measures to protect the environment from pollution by the ship and comply with applicable pollution regulations.