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Information for seafarers, shipowners and crewing agencies on the manner of implementation by the Polish Maritime Administration of the new provisions of the STCW Convention introduced by **IMO Resolution MSC.560(108)**, concerning additional elements of training in personal safety and social responsibility, which will enter into force on 1st January 2026

1. Before the amendments enter into force (until the end of 2025) and after 1st January 2026, seafarers will be able to complete a short training course at the METs, supplementing their existing personal safety and social responsibility training, addressing issues related to the prevention of bullying and harassment in the maritime sector. From 1st January 2026, the renewal of the basic safety training certificate will also require completion of supplementary training. Each seafarer will receive a certificate of completion of the supplementary training issued by MET.
2. A certificate of completion of the supplementary training issued by MET together with the existing certificate in personal safety and social responsibility (this also applies to the basic safety training certificate) issued before 1st January 2026 confirms completion of personal safety and social responsibility training in accordance with resolution MSC.560(108).
3. Due to the fact that resolution MSC.560(108) does not introduce an obligation to replace existing certificates in personal safety and social responsibility, the Polish Maritime Administration confirms that all existing certificates in personal safety and social responsibility (this also applies to the basic safety training certificates) issued before 1st January 2026 remain valid until they are replaced with new ones or renewed. Seafarers will have 5 years to exchange their existing certificates in personal safety and social responsibility for new ones (this does not apply to basic safety training certificates, which will be renewed after their expiry date or exchanged for new ones at the request of the seafarer).
4. All new certificates in personal safety and social responsibility (including basic safety training certificates) issued after 1st January 2026 will confirm completion of personal safety and social responsibility training in accordance with Resolution MSC.560(108).

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