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To : Port Authorities, PSC Officers, Shipowners/Operators, Masters, Seafarers, Maritime Training Providers

From : Republic of Türkiye – Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure – Directorate General of Maritime Affairs

Subject : Türkiye – Implementation of IMO Resolution MSC.560 (108) (SASH content) under STCW Code A-VI/1 (PSSR) – Effective 1 January 2026.

IMO Resolution MSC.560(108), adopted by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee, introduces new mandatory learning objectives on preventing and responding to violence and harassment, including bullying, sexual harassment and sexual assault, within STCW Code A-VI/1 (PSSR). These amendments enter into force on 1 January 2026.

Türkiye's Implementation Approach

Türkiye will implement the amendments by integrating the new SASH-related content into the PSSR course and into national refresher courses that already include PSSR content, for training conducted on or after 1 January 2026.

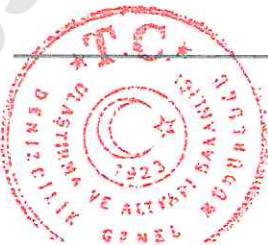
Accordingly:

- Additional “SASH certificate” is not required.
- Stand-alone additional “SASH training course” is not required.
- Seafarers shall continue to follow the existing STCW certification and refresher training processes applicable to their current certificates.
- From 1 January 2026, Türkiye-authorised training providers will deliver PSSR (and relevant refreshers) with the updated mandatory content.

Applicability to Existing Seafarers

Türkiye's interpretation is that the new requirements apply only to seafarers who undertake PSSR training on or after 1 January 2026.

Therefore, seafarers who already hold a valid PSSR certificate issued before 1 January 2026 are not required to repeat PSSR training in accordance with MSC.560(108). Their existing PSSR certificate remains valid evidence of having met the PSSR requirement as applicable at the time of issue.





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Applicability to New Seafarers / Training After 1 January 2026

For any PSSR training **commencing on or after 1 January 2026**, the course will include the new mandatory SASH-related learning outcomes introduced by MSC.560(108). Evidence of compliance will be shown through the **PSSR certificate** issued after completion of that updated course.

Guidance to PSC Officers and Port State Authorities

To ensure consistent application and avoid unnecessary administrative burden:

- A separate “SASH certificate” shall not be requested from seafarers serving on board under the Turkish flag (or holding Turkish STCW documentation), as MSC.560(108) is implemented within PSSR.
- For seafarers with PSSR issued before 1 January 2026, do not require re-taking PSSR solely to reflect the amendment.
- For seafarers who took PSSR on/after 1 January 2026, the PSSR certificate issued by an authorised provider reflects the updated content.

Company Recommendation

While not introducing any additional national modules beyond MSC.560(108), Türkiye strongly encourages shipowners/companies to provide onboard policies, reporting pathways, and awareness briefings consistent with the Resolution’s intent, fostering a safe, respectful and supportive working environment.

Competency and proficiency certificates of Turkish seafarers can be verified through the following link: <https://gemiadami.uab.gov.tr/verification>

Please do not hesitate to contact our Administration or email gibs@uab.gov.tr , psc@uab.gov.tr if any clarification is needed.

Kindly be informed and act accordingly.

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On behalf of Minister
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