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DEVELOPMENT OF A SAFETY REGULATORY FRAMEWORK TO SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Suggestion for the development of training measures for crews of hydrogen ships

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides a suggestion for the development of

training measures for crews of hydrogen ships.

Strategic direction, if 3

applicable:

Output: 3.8

Action to be taken: Paragraph 10

Related documents: Resolution A.1173(33); CCC 9/INF.17; MEPC 81/INF.5; CCC 10/16

and HTW 11/INF.16

Background

- 1 HTW 10 agreed that the existing output of the Committee on "Development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels" could be utilized to develop training provisions for seafarers on ships using alternative fuels, taking into account the ongoing work by the Committee, the CCC Sub- Committee and any other relevant bodies. HTW 10 therefore invited the Committee to include this output in the provisional agenda for HTW 11 (HTW 10/10, paragraph 6.32.2).
- 2 MSC 108 endorsed the agreement by HTW 10 to proceed with the development of training provisions for seafarers on ships using alternative fuels (MSC 108/20, paragraph 5.4).
- 3 CCC 10 noted a view expressing that a new section on training and personnel protection should be included in the interim guidelines (CCC 10/16, paragraph 3.10).
- At HTW 11, the Working Group on Development of training provisions for seafarers on ships using alternative fuels and new technologies, in revisiting discussions on the relationship between the draft generic interim guidelines and fuel/technology-specific interim guidelines, agreed that fuel/technology-specific interim guidelines would be developed using the draft generic interim guidelines as a basis.

Context

- 5 Due to time constraints, the Working Group did not embark on developing other draft fuel/technology-specific interim guidelines besides for methyl/ethyl alcohol during HTW11 (HTW 11/WP.5, paragraph 22).
- 6 For consideration, this document presents a suggestion for hydrogen interim guidelines, under the same format as the one used for methyl/ethyl alcohol and is mapped against it for easier reference and comparison.

Suggested specifications for hydrogen

- 7 The training for hydrogen needs to be broad enough to flex around many permutations of hydrogen fuel, storage, and conversion, as well as unique properties of hydrogen, in liquid and gaseous forms.
- 8 In this context, tables 1 and 2, set out in the annex to this document, are presenting suggestions of specifications of minimum standards of competence in basic training for seafarers on board ships using hydrogen as fuel.
- 9 These specifications have been mapped against table A-V/3-1 of the STCW Code, for reference.

Action requested of the Committee

10 The Committee is invited to note the information provided and to take action, as appropriate.

ANNEX

SPECIFICATION OF MINIMUM STANDARD OF COMPETENCE IN BASIC TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS ON BOARD SHIPS USING HYDROGEN AS FUEL

(mapped against table A-V/3-1 of the STCW Code for reference)

This specification covers gaseous, liquid, compressed and cryo-compressed hydrogen, on vessels (Note: Competences assessed to be different from the existing IGF Code training are shown in **bold/grey**)

[Table 1]

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
1 Contribute to the safe operation of a ship subject to the IGF Code	1.1 Design and operational characteristics of ships subject to the IGF Code	1.1 Design and operational characteristics of ships having Hydrogen as fuel under different storage conditions
	1.2 Basic knowledge of ships subject to the IGF Code, their fuel systems and fuel storage systems:	1.2 Basic knowledge of fuel systems and fuel storage systems:
	.1 fuels addressed by the IGF Code .2 types of fuel systems subject to the IGF Code .3 atmospheric, cryogenic or compressed storage of fuels on board ships subject to the IGF Code	 .1 Hydrogen as fuel on board ships .2 types of hydrogen fuel systems (liquid, ambient compressed, cryogenic compressed) .3 atmospheric, compressed, cryo-compressed, cryogenic storage of hydrogen as fuel on board
	.4 general arrangement of fuel storage systems on board ships subject to the IGF Code	ships .4 general arrangement and design of fuel storage and piping systems on board ships having hydrogen as fuel (including cylinders, removable hydrogen storage, tanks, tank and pipe insulation, and Tank Connection Space)
	.5 hazard zones and areas .6 typical fire safety plan	.5 hazard zones and areas, including spaces contiguous with hazardous zones .6 typical fire safety plan
	.7 monitoring, control and safety systems aboard ships subject to the IGF Code Basic knowledge of fuels and fuel storage systems'	monitoring, control and safety systems aboard ships having hydrogen as fuel (including remote monitoring systems)

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
	operations on board ships subject to the IGF Code:	1.3 Basic knowledge of fuels and fuel storage
	.1 piping systems and valves	systems' operations on board ships having hydrogen as fuel:
	.2 atmospheric, compressed or cryogenic storage .3 relief systems and protection screens	.1 piping systems (single and double walled) and valves including safe isolation
	.4 basic bunkering operations and bunkering systems	.2 storage including level and pressure monitoring, .3 relief systems, venting, tank connection space
	.5 protection against cryogenic accidents .6 fuel leak monitoring and detection	.4 basic bunkering operations and bunkering systems including fuelling nozzles, and breakaway couplings .5 role of tank connection space and vaporisers
	1.4 Basic knowledge of the physical properties of fuels on board ships subject to the IGF Code,	.6 fuel leak monitoring and detection
	including:	1.4 Basic knowledge of the physical
	.1 properties and characteristics	properties of hydrogen as fuel on board
	.2 pressure and temperature, including	ships, including:
	vapour pressure/ temperature relationship	 .1 properties and characteristics of hydrogen .2 pressure and temperature, including vapour pressure/ temperature relationship, including
	1.5 Knowledge and understanding of safety requirements and safety management on board ships	during phase change
	subject to the IGF Code.	1.5 Knowledge and understanding of safety requirements and safety management on board ships having hydrogen as fuel

2 Take precautions to prevent hazards on a ship subject to the IGF Code	2.1 Basic knowledge of the hazards associated with operations on ships subject to the IGF Code, including: .1 health hazards .2 environmental hazards .3 reactivity hazards .4 corrosion hazards	2.1 Basic knowledge of the hazards associated with operations on ships having hydrogen as fuel: .1 health hazards .2 environmental hazards .3 reactivity hazards .4 corrosion hazards (including hydrogen embrittlement)	
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Compotonos	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency		
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen	
	.5 ignition, explosion and flammability hazards .6 sources of ignition .7 electrostatic hazards .8 toxicity hazards .9 vapour leaks and clouds .10 extremely low temperatures .11 pressure hazards .12 fuel batch differences	.5 ignition, explosion and flammability hazards .6 sources of ignition .7 electrostatic hazards .8 toxicity hazards .9 vapour leaks and clouds .10 extremely low temperatures .11 high pressure hazards .12 fuel batch differences – impact of impurities (particulate and atomic) in hydrogen	
	2.2 Basic knowledge of hazard controls:	2.2 Basic knowledge of hazard controls: .1 emptying, inerting, vapourising, and monitoring techniques .2 anti-static measures .3 ventilation protocols .4 segregation .5 n/a .6 measures to prevent ignition, fire and explosion .7 atmospheric control .8 gas testing .9 protection against cryogenic damages (liquid hydrogen) 2.3 Understanding of fuel characteristics on ships having	
	Sheet (SDS)	hydrogen as fuel as found on a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	
3 Apply occupational health and safety	3.1 Awareness of function of gas-measuring instruments and similar equipment:	3.1 Awareness of function of gas-measuring instruments and similar equipment:	

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
precautions and measures	.1 gas testing	.1 gas detection (flammability and asphyxiant limits of hydrogen)
	3.2 Proper use of specialized safety equipment and protective devices, including: .1 breathing apparatus .2 protective clothing	3.2 Proper use of specialized safety equipment and protective devices, including: .1 breathing apparatus .2 protective clothing
	.3 resuscitators .4 rescue and escape equipment	.3 resuscitators .4 rescue and escape equipment
	3.3 Basic knowledge of safe working practices and procedures in accordance with legislation and industry guidelines and personal shipboard safety relevant to ships subject to the IGF Code, including: .1 precautions to be taken before entering hazardous spaces and zones .2 precautions to be taken before and during repair and maintenance work .3 safety measures for hot and cold work 3.4 Basic knowledge of first aid with reference to a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	3.3 Basic knowledge of safe working practices and procedures in accordance with legislation and industry guidelines and personal shipboard safety relevant to ships having hydrogen as fuel, including: .1 precautions to be taken before entering enclosed spaces, hazardous zones and areas, including spaces contiguous with hazardous zones .2 precautions to be taken before and during repair and maintenance work .3 safety measures for hot and cold work 3.4 Basic knowledge of first aid with reference to a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
4 Carry out fire- fighting	4.1 Fire organization and action to be taken on ships subject to the IGF Code 4.2 Special hazards associated with fuel systems and fuel	4.1 Fire organization and action to be taken on ships having hydrogen as fuel 4.2 Special hazards associated with fuel systems and fuel

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
operations on a ship subject to	handling on ships subject to the IGF Code	handling on ships having hydrogen as fuel
the IGF Code	4.3 Fire-fighting agents and methods used to control and extinguish fires in conjunction with the diWerent fuels found on board ships subject to the IGF Code	4.3 Fire-fighting agents and methods used to control and extinguish hydrogen-based fires
	4.4 Fire-fighting system operations	4.4 Fire-fighting system operations
5 Respond to emergencies	5.1 Basic knowledge of emergency procedures, including emergency shutdown	5.1 Basic knowledge of emergency procedures, including emergency shutdown protocols
6 Take precautions to prevent pollution of the environment from the release of	6.1 Basic knowledge of measures to be taken in the event of leakage/spillage/ venting of fuels from ships subject to the IGF Code, including the need to: .1 report relevant information to the	6.1 Basic knowledge of measures to be taken in the event of leakage/spillage of fuels from ships having hydrogen as fuel, including the need to: .1 report relevant information to the
fuels found on ships subject to the IGF Code	responsible persons .2 awareness of shipboard	responsible persons .2 awareness of shipboard
THE IGF Code	spill/leakage/venting response procedures .3 awareness of appropriate personal protection when responding to a spill/ leakage of fuels addressed by the IGF Code	spill/leakage/venting response procedures .3 awareness of appropriate personal protection when responding to a spill/leakage of hydrogen

[Table 2]

Specification of minimum standard of competence in advanced training for seafarers on board ships using methyl/ethyl alcohol as fuel (mapped against table A-V/3-2 of the STCW Code for reference)

This specification covers gaseous, liquid, compressed and cryo-compressed hydrogen, on vessels

(Note: Competences assessed to be di2erent from the existing IGF Code training are shown in **bold/grey**)

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
1 Familiarity with physical and chemical properties of fuels aboard ships subject to the IGF Code	1.1 Basic knowledge and understanding of simple chemistry and physics and the relevant definitions related to safe bunkering and use of fuels used on board ships subject to the IGF Code, including: .1 the chemical structure of different fuels used on board ships subject to the IGF Code .2 the properties and characteristics of fuels used onboard ships subject to the IGF Code, including:	1.1 Basic knowledge and understanding of simple chemistry and physics and the relevant definitions related to safe bunkering and use of hydrogen used as fuel: 1.1 the chemical structure of hydrogen 2.2 the properties and characteristics of hydrogen including:
	.1 simple physical laws .2 states of matter .3 liquid and vapour densities .4 boil-off and weathering of cryogenic fuels .5 compression and expansion of gases	.1 simple physical laws .2 states of matter .3 liquid and vapour densities .4 boil-off of cryogenic hydrogen and possibility to freeze air

Compotonos	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
	.6 critical pressure and temperature of	.5 compression and expansion of gases (including Joule-Thomson effect for hydrogen)
	·	.6 critical pressure and temperature of
	gases .7 flashpoint, upper and lower	gases
	flammable limits, auto-ignition	.7 flashpoint, upper and lower
	temperature	flammable limits, auto-ignition
	.8 saturated vapour pressure/	temperature
	reference temperature	.8 n/a
	.9 dewpoint and bubble point	10 1.0 1
	.10 hydrate formation	.9 dewpoint of hydrogen
	.11 combustion properties: heating values	.10 n/a
	.12 methane number/ knocking	.11 combustion properties: heating value
	.13 pollutant characteristics of fuels	.12 knocking
	addressed by the IGF Code	.13 pollutant characteristics of hydrogen
	.3 the properties of single liquids	
	.4 the nature and properties of solutions	.3 properties of liquid hydrogen
	.5 thermodynamic units	.4 n/a
	.6 basic thermodynamic laws and diagrams	.5 thermodynamic units
	.7 properties of materials	.6 basic thermodynamic laws and diagrams
		.7 properties of materials and compatibility
	.8 effect of low temperature, including	with hydrogen
	brittle fracture, for liquid cryogenic fuels	.8 effect of low temperature, including
		brittle fracture, for liquid cryogenic
	1.2 Understanding the information contained in a	hydrogen
	Safety Data Sheet (SDS) about fuels addressed by	
	the IGF Code	1.2 Understanding the information contained in a
		Safety Data Sheet (SDS) about hydrogen

2 Operate controls of fuel related to	2.1 Operating principles of marine power plants	2.1 Operating principles of marine power plants (combustion and fuel cells)
propulsion plant and engineering systems and	2.2 Ships' auxiliary machinery	2.2 Ships' auxiliary machinery

Competence	Knowledge, understa	nding and proficiency
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
services and safety devices on ships subject to the IGF Code	2.3 Knowledge of marine engineering terms	2.3 Knowledge of marine engineering terms
3 Ability to safely perform and monitor all operations related to the fuels used on board ships subject to the IGF Code	3.1 Design and characteristics of ships subject to the IGF Code 3.2 Knowledge of ship design, systems, and equipment found on ships subject to the IGF Code, including: .1 fuel systems for different propulsion engines .2 general arrangement and construction .3 fuel storage systems on board ships subject to the IGF Code, including materials of construction and insulation .4 fuel-handling equipment and instrumentations on board ships: .1 fuel pumps and pumping arrangements .2 fuel pipelines .3 expansion devices .4 flame screens .5 temperature monitoring systems .6 fuel tank level-gauging systems .7 tank pressure monitoring and control systems .5 cryogenic fuel tanks temperature and	3.1 Design and characteristics of ships having hydrogen as fuel 3.2 Knowledge of ship design, systems, and equipment found on ships having hydrogen as fuel, including: .1 fuel systems for different propulsion systems .2 general arrangement and construction .3 fuel storage systems on board ships having hydrogen as fuel, including materials of construction and insulation .4 fuel-handling equipment and instrumentations on board ships: .1 fuel pumps and pumping arrangements .2 fuel pipelines (double-walled piping) and valves .3 expansion devices .4 flame screens and arrestors .5 temperature monitoring systems .6 fuel tank level-gauging systems .7 tank pressure monitoring and control systems .5 fuel tanks temperature and
	.6 fuel tank level-gauging systems .7 tank pressure monitoring and control systems	.6 fuel tank level-gauging systems .7 tank pressure monitoring and control systems

Compotonos	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
•	.6 fuel system atmosphere control systems (inert gas, nitrogen), including storage, generation and distribution .7 toxic and flammable gas-detecting systems .8 fuel Emergency Shut Down system (ESD) 3.3 Knowledge of fuel system theory and characteristics, including types of fuel system pumps and their safe operation on board ships subject to the IGF Code .1 low pressure pumps .2 high pressure pumps .3 vaporizers .4 heaters .5 pressure build-up units 3.4 Knowledge of safe procedures and checklists for taking fuel tanks in and out of service, including:	.6 fuel system atmosphere control systems (inert gas, nitrogen), including storage, generation and distribution .7 toxic and flammable gas-detecting systems .8 fuel Emergency Shut Down system (ESD) 3.3 Knowledge of fuel system theory and characteristics, including types of fuel system pumps and their safe operation on board ships having hydrogen as fuel .1 low pressure pumps .2 high pressure pumps .3 vaporizers .4 hydrogen engines and hydrogen fuel cells .5 pressure relief systems / venting 3.4 Knowledge of safe procedures and checklists for taking fuel tanks in and out of service, including:
	.1 inerting .2 cooling down .3 initial loading .4 pressure control .5 heating of fuel .6 emptying systems	.1 inerting .2 cooling .3 initial loading .4 tank atmosphere pressure control .5 n/a .6 emptying systems / degassing of steel cylinders
4 Plan and monitor safe bunkering, stowage and securing of the fuel	4.1 General knowledge of ships subject to the IGF Code 4.2 Ability to use all data available on board related to bunkering, storage and securing of fuels addressed by the IGF Code	4.1 General knowledge of ships having hydrogen as fuel 4.2 Ability to use all data available on board related to bunkering, storage and securing of hydrogen as fuel

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
on board ships		
subject to the	4.3 Ability to establish clear and concise	4.3 Ability to establish clear and concise
IGF Code	communications and between the ship and the	communications between the ship and the terminal,
	terminal, truck or the bunker-supply ship	truck or the
		bunker-supply ship
	4.4 Knowledge of safety and emergency procedures	
	for operation of machinery, fuel- and control systems	4.4 Knowledge of safety and emergency procedures
	for ships subject to the IGF Code	for operation of machinery, fuel and control systems
		for ships having hydrogen as fuel
	4.5 Proficiency in the operation of bunkering	
	systems on board ships subject to the IGF Code	4.5 Proficiency in the operation of bunkering
	including:	systems on board ships having hydrogen as fuel
	.1 bunkering procedures	including:
		.1 procedures related to pre-bunkering
	.2 emergency procedures	including tank conditioning and post-
	.3 ship-shore/ship-ship interface	bunkering
		.2 emergency procedures
		.3 ship-shore/ship-ship interface and use of
	.4 prevention of rollover	ship- shore checklist including fuelling
		nozzles, and breakaway couplings
		.4 prevention of rollover for systems where
	4.6 Proficiency to perform fuel-system measurements	hydrogen storage is on/oWloaded in a container
	and calculations, including:	
	.1 maximum fill quantity	4.6 Proficiency to perform fuel-system measurements
	.2 On Board Quantity (OBQ)	and calculations, including:
	.3 Minimum Remain On Board (ROB)	.1 maximum fill quantity
	.4 fuel consumption calculations	.2 On Board Quantity (OBQ)
		.3 Minimum Remain On Board (ROB)
	4.7 Ability to ensure the safe management of	.4 fuel consumption calculations
	bunkering and other IGF Code fuel related	A 7 Ability to another the action of the state of the sta
	operations concurrent with other onboard	4.7 Ability to ensure the safe management of bunkering
	operations, both in port and at sea	and other hydrogen related operations concurrent with
		other onboard operations, both in port and at sea

Compotence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
5 Take precautions to prevent pollution	5.1 Knowledge of the eWects of pollution on human and Environment	5.1 Knowledge of the eWects of pollution on human and Environment
of the environment from the release of fuels from ships subject to the IGF Code	5.2 Knowledge of measures to be taken in the event of spillage/leakage/ venting	5.2 Knowledge of measures to be taken in the event of spillage/leakage
6 Monitor and control compliance with legislative requirements	6.1 Knowledge and understanding of relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), as amended and other relevant IMO instruments, industry guidelines and port regulations as commonly applied	6.1 Knowledge and understanding of relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), as amended and other relevant IMO instruments, industry guidelines and port regulations as commonly applied
	6.2 Proficiency in the use of the IGF Code and related documents	6.2 Proficiency in the use of the IGF Code and related documents
7 Take precautions to prevent hazards	7.1 Knowledge and understanding of the hazards and control measures associated with fuel system operations on board ships subject to the IGF Code, including: .1 flammability .2 explosion .3 toxicity .4 reactivity .5 corrosivity .6 health hazards .7 inert gas composition .8 electrostatic hazards	7.1 Knowledge and understanding of the hazards and control measures associated with fuel system operations on board ships having hydrogen as fuel, including: .1 flammability (including hydrogen-air mixtures) .2 explosion .3 toxicity .4 reactivity .5 corrosivity .6 health hazards .7 inert gas composition .8 electrostatic hazards

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
	.9 pressurized gases	.9 pressurized gases
	.10 low temperature	.10 low temperature
	7.2 Proficiency to calibrate and use monitoring and	7.2 Proficiency to calibrate and use monitoring and
	fuel detection systems, instruments and equipment on board ships subject to the IGF Code	fuel detection systems, instruments and equipment on board ships having hydrogen as fuel
	7.3 Knowledge and understanding of dangers of non- compliance with relevant rules/regulations	7.3 Knowledge and understanding of dangers of non- compliance with relevant rules/regulations
	7.4 Knowledge and understanding of risks assessment method analysis on board ships subject to the IGF Code	7.4 Knowledge and understanding of risks assessment method analysis on board ships having hydrogen as fuel
	7.5 Ability to elaborate and develop risks analysis related to risks on board ships subject to the IGF Code	7.5 Ability to elaborate and develop risks analysis related to risks on board ships having hydrogen as fuel
	7.6 Ability to elaborate and develop safety plans and safety instructions for ships subject to the IGF Code	7.6 Ability to elaborate and develop safety plans and safety instructions for ships having hydrogen as fuel
	7.7 Knowledge of hot work, enclosed spaces and tank entry including permitting procedures	7.7 Knowledge of hot work, enclosed spaces, hazardous zones, spaces contiguous with hazardous zones and tank entry including permitting procedures

8 Apply occupational health and safety	8.1 Proper use of safety equipment and protective devices, including:	8.1 Proper use of specialized safety equipment and protective devices compatible with hydrogen exposure, including:
precautions and measures on board a ship subject to the IGF Code	.1 breathing apparatus and evacuating equipment .2 protective clothing and equipment .3 resuscitators	.1 breathing apparatus and evacuating equipment .2 protective clothing and equipment .3 resuscitators

Competence	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
	.4 rescue and escape equipment	.4 rescue and personal escape equipment
	8.2 Knowledge of safe working practices and procedures in accordance with legislation and industry guidelines and personal shipboard safety including:	8.2 Knowledge of safe working practices and procedures in accordance with legislation and industry guidelines and personal shipboard safety relevant to ships having hydrogen as fuel, including:
	.1 precautions to be taken before, during and after repair and maintenance work on fuel systems addressed in the IGF Code	.1 precautions to be taken before and during repair and maintenance work
	.2 electrical safety (reference to IEC 600079-17) .3 ship/shore safety checklist	.2 electrical safety [reference to IEC 600079-17:2024] .3 ship/shore safety checklist, including precautions to be taken before entering hazardous zones and areas, including spaces contiguous with hazardous zones
	8.3 Basic knowledge of first aid with reference to a Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for fuels addressed by the IGF Code	8.3 Basic knowledge of first aid with reference to a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
		8.X Knowledge of function, calibration and limitation of gas- measuring instruments and similar equipment: .1 atmosphere testing and gas detection of asphyxiant levels of hydrogen
9 Knowledge of the prevention, control and fire- fighting and	9.1 Knowledge of the methods and fire-fighting appliances to detect, control and extinguish fires of fuels addressed by the IGF Code	9.1 Knowledge of the methods and fire-fighting appliances to detect, control and extinguish fires of hydrogen fuels
extinguishing systems on board ships subject		9.2 Fire organization and action to be taken on ships having hydrogen as fuel

Compotonoo	Knowledge, understanding and proficiency	
Competence	Existing IGF Code training	Hydrogen
to the IGF Code		9.3 Special hazards associated with fuel systems and fuel handling on ships having hydrogen as fuel 9.4 Fire-fighting system operations

Explanatory notes

The training for hydrogen needs to be broad enough to flex around many permutations of hydrogen fuel, storage, and conversion, as well as hydrogens unique properties in liquid and gaseous forms.

The changes in this version align broadly with those previously proposed. The following notes are intended as clarifications.

Basic training

Item	Note
1.2.2	Reflects diversity of current fuel systems options for hydrogen
1.2.3	Reflects diversity of current fuel storage options for hydrogen
1.2.4	Reflects diversity of current fuel storage arrangement options for hydrogen
1.2.5	Reflects expanded hazard zoning for hydrogen systems – and lower explosion limit risks
1.2.7	Remote monitoring is a critical system for hydrogen builds to deal with hydrogen's properties
1.3.1	Expanded to include double walled tubes for LH2
1.3.4	Added detail to cover generic bunkering systems – this will evolve over time so more prescriptive details are not helpful at this stage.
1.3.5	Adjusted wording to handle LH2. Original text could be reinserted.
1.4.2	Additional LH2 specific content added
2.1.4	Hydrogen embrittlement included as specific detail as it is so important
2.1.12	Impact on engines and FCs will be different. How to confirm hydrogen is within spec. for deliveries? This is covered in Orkney College training
2.2.1	Added vapourizing for LH2 systems
2.2.5	Hydrogen systems do not need inhibiting
3.2.1	Additional detail added to reinforce importance of gas detection`
3.3.1	See 1.2.5 above

Advanced training

Item	Note
1.1.4	Expanded detail for LH2
1.1.5	Added Joule-Thomson effect (absent from previous drafts). Important for
	decompression of pressurized systems as potential heat source.
1.1.8	Saturated vapour pressure / reference temperature not relevant to hydrogen
1.1.9	Bubble point excluded (see (a) below)
1.1.10	Hydrate formation not relevant for hydrogen
1.1.12	Limited information on hydrogen knocking in engines – not currently included in training, however, 100% hydrogen marine engines still in development, so may become a topic to cover (see (b) below)
1.4	Not relevant as hydrogen is a pure gas or liquid

1.7	Material compatibility with hydrogen is an important sub-topic due to the molecular size, and embrittlement
2.1	Expanded description to include both types of power plant for hydrogen
3.2.5	Broadened scope to cover all storage options
3.4.5	Fuel tanks will be empty as hydrogen will be a gas at service temperature and therefore vented – this heading not required
3.4.6	Expanded scope to cover storage vessels made of steel where hydrogen can diffuse into the vessel walls and rediffuse in air forming microflames potentially
4.5.3	Broadened scope to include generic terminology – sector has not standardized on common interfaces / connectors etc.
4.5.4	Rollover possible if hydrogen is being managed via removable hydrogen stores.
8.2.3	Scope broadened to cover hazard zones as 1.2.5 table 1
8.x	Required additional section – potentially covered elsewhere
9.2 / 9.3 / 9.4	Expanded scope for fire-fighting to manage specific challenges associated with hydrogen fires

(a) Bubble point

In thermodynamics, the bubble point is the temperature (at a given pressure) where the first bubble of vapour is formed when heating a liquid consisting of two or more components. Given that vapour will probably have a different composition than the liquid, the bubble point (along with the dew point) at different compositions are useful data when designing distillation systems. For a single component the bubble point and the dew point are the same and are referred to as the boiling point.

(b) Knocking

Knock in hydrogen engines occurs when fuel ignites before it's supposed to. It can be caused by a number of factors, including compression ratio, ignition timing, and initial temperature

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