

Training Courses for Designated Persons and Senior Managers



Whether you are an ISM Designated Person or Chief Executive / Senior Manager of a ship operating company, these are training events that you cannot afford to miss.

The primary purpose of the ISM Code is to make ships safer and protect the environment. However, Designated Persons Ashore and Senior Managers of ship operating companies are finding themselves increasingly in the firing line when failings have been identified surrounding safety management and the role of the DPA. Only after an incident will this become all too apparent with possible heavy fines, a loss of reputation and even criminal charges.

Don't let it be you! Make sure you know what is required of the DPA and the need for support from top management.

ConsultISM Ltd, in association with Maersk Training Centre (UK) Ltd, has developed an authoritative training course, in line with **IMO guidelines**. This course is an essential tool to assist the DPA in carrying out his/her job in a more effective way thereby reducing risk to the company. The **DPA course** comprises of a Computer Based Training (CBT) package for delegates to conduct some self study, followed by a two day interactive workshop led by ISM experts. In addition, a one day **course/ workshop for senior executives and managers** has been developed to complement the DPA course. This will highlight the consequences if things go wrong and the need to fully understand and support the role of the DPA.



DPA Course

Objective

To provide training for all DPAs (and those preparing to become DPAs) in order that they can fully understand their responsibilities and roles of this important position taking account of full compliance with the ISM Code. Not only has the course been designed by ISM experts to meet with the criteria of the IMO Guidelines contained in Circular MSC – MEPC.7 Circ 6 (19 October 2007), but it has also been developed with much practical knowledge of both the shipping industry and the legal issues that surround the role of the DPA.

Course Outline

The course comprises of two parts:

Part 1 (CBT)

A computer based training package will be sent to candidates upon successful registration. This part of the training is designed for the DPA to carry out some self study so that he/she is fully prepared for the work involved in Part 2 of the course. The CBT is made up of 8 modules as follows:

1. Knowledge and understanding of the ISM Code;
2. Mandatory rules and regulations;
3. Applicable Codes, guidelines and standards as appropriate;
4. Verification and monitoring;
5. Technical or operational aspects of safety management;
6. Appropriate knowledge of shipping and shipboard operations;
7. Effective communications with shipboard staff and senior management.
8. Potential legal implications of the ISM Code and the importance of compliance.

Part 2 (two-day interactive workshop)

The second part of the course will be held at a local venue over a period of two days. This will comprise of workshops that will explore important case studies in detail, highlighting the need for the DPA to be well aware of how to monitor safety management effectively. It will also raise the potential (and real) problems when a Company has a serious incident and it is found that there have been alleged breakdowns of the safety management system and failures by those charged with looking after it.

Certification

On the successful completion of the course, the delegate will be issued with a Certificate of Attendance, verifying that he/she has been trained in accordance with the IMO guidelines.

This course is recognised by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, an Executive Agency of the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as meeting the requirements of IMO Circular MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6 Section 5

CEO / Senior Manager Course

Objective

To provide a full understanding of the crucial role of the DPA, the need for training and the need for support from senior management. Leadership is a fundamental requirement of the ISM Code. Only by full commitment from the top, can a Company hope to achieve a successful safety management system and effective safety culture. By properly understanding the role of the DPA, senior management will benefit by increasing their awareness and be in a stronger position to support and encourage the person tasked with this highly important (but frequently underestimated) position.

No matter how senior a person is, training should never be overlooked. The ISM Code has been with us for 10 years now but are you sure that you are managing safety correctly and are you certain that you understand the implications of getting it wrong? Spare a few hours in attending this course and it may just help you to save some lives and even keep yourself (and your DPA) out of jail.

Course Outline

This short one-day course has been developed especially with the above in mind. It will examine and discuss in some detail the need for competent DPAs and explore issues that affect the safe operation and culture of a shipping company, using case studies as examples. The course is designed to be highly interactive and participation will be encouraged to air views and discuss how safety can be managed effectively using one or more DPAs backed up with full commitment from the top.

Certification

On the successful completion of the course, the senior manager will be issued with a Certificate of Attendance.

DPA training is not mandatory, so why bother?

Apart from the obvious answer of providing the DPA with a full understanding and appreciation of this important role, one should also remember that the IMO issued a circular in 2007 in relation to DPA training. While this circular contains "guidelines", it must be remembered that section 1.2.3 (2) of the ISM Code states that the safety management system should ensure that applicable codes, guidelines and standards recommended by the Organisation are taken into account.

In the event of a serious incident, lawyers will scrutinise the role of the DPA. Should the DPA not have received training, the lawyers may well go on to claim that there has been a breach of the ISM Code due to the Company having failed to take the IMO guidelines into account. In turn this may prove a very difficult corner to defend. Having DPA training under the Company's belt will certainly avoid this risk.



Founded in 2004, ConsultISM Ltd is the world's leading service provider of expertise in marine safety management, the ISM Code and accident prevention and has offices in Hexham, Edinburgh and New Delhi. ConsultISM offers a wide range of education and training programmes as well as offering services such as consultancy, expert witness, accidents and claims analysis, research and post incident investigation. ConsultISM is a full member of GlobalMET, which has NGO status at the IMO, providing input on maritime training and is also an associate member of Intermanager.

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