



Amendment ISPO Part C, Article 2.4.4.

In part C, Article 2.4.4. the requirements have been set for the provision of competent auditors. The board of the IUG proposes to amend Article 2.4.4. as follows:

Old:

- 2.4.4. It is the responsibility of the classification society to provide competent auditor(s). The basic requirements of an auditor are:
- Certificate of an IRCA-approved lead auditor-course or similar level approved by the IUG Board.
 - Holds an STCW 78 (as amended) maritime management level qualification and a minimum of at least one year experience in a senior position on board of a vessel
 - Thorough knowledge of the ISPO

New:

- 2.4.4. It is the responsibility of the classification society to provide competent auditor(s). The basic requirements of an auditor are:
- a) Marine Management Systems auditor as per IACS PR10 or IRCA Lead Auditor as mandatory for ISO Certification Scheme Auditors **with a ship management specific authorization.**
 - b) Holds an STCW 78 (as amended) maritime management level qualification and a minimum of at least one year in a senior position on board of a vessel **or proof of relevant experience in, and knowledge of the maritime industry, acceptable to the Board.**
 - c) Thorough knowledge of the ISPO.

Motivation:

The additional text in sub a ensures the shipping knowledge of the auditor and avoids an auditor from a cookie factory to carry out the audits.

It has become clear that Classification Societies struggle to find competent auditors with an STCW 78 qualification and sufficient experience as set in article 2.4.4. sub b.

The IUG wants auditors to be in the possession of an STCW 78 certificate but acknowledge the ongoing trend that the pool of seamen who choose an auditing career after having served in a senior position on board a vessel is becoming more and more scarce. The continuity of the ISPO standard is at stake when no competent auditors who meet the ISPO requirements are available for (re) certification. Therefore an escape clause is proposed in the form of sub c of article 2.4.4.;

If the Classification Society is unable to deploy an auditor who holds an STCW 78 certificate and has served in a senior position on board, the Classification Society may, as an alternative, propose to the IUG board to send an auditor who can prove he or she is in the possession of equivalent knowledge and experience in the maritime industry.