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**AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (10 to 19 May 2006), adopted amendments to part B of the STCW Code as follows:

**Section B-I/14**

*Guidance regarding responsibilities of companies and recommended responsibilities of masters and crew members*

2 In section B-I/14, the following text is inserted at the end of the existing paragraph 1:

“Companies should also ensure that:

- .1 all seafarers on a ship fitted with free-fall lifeboats should receive familiarization training in boarding and launching procedures for such lifeboats.
- .2 prior to joining a ship, seafarers assigned as operating crew of free-fall lifeboats should have undergone appropriate training in boarding, launching and recovering of such lifeboats including participation on at least one occasion in a free-fall launch.”

3 STCW Parties and all others concerned are invited to note the above and take action as appropriate.

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