

Further Clarification of “Permit to Operate”

BACKGROUND

1. A paper on “Clarification of Permit to Operate” was presented in the “AOB” session of the High Speed Craft Consultative Committee (HSCCC) meeting on 15.12.2014 as there was a need to clarify the meaning of the wording in the first part of paragraph 4.1.2.1 of the “Permit to Operate”¹. The proposed wording was underlined as follows:

"Work periods shall be based on a cycle of 96 hours, commencing at 0600 hours and comprising two nights on duty followed by two days and nights off duty. Crew may work day/night duty on a voluntary basis during the last 24 hours of the four day duty cycle."

2. After some deliberations, members suggested that minimum change should be made to the “Permit to Operate” when making the clarification.

PROPOSAL

¹ 4.1.2.1: “Work periods shall be based on a cycle of 96 hours, commencing at 0600 hours and comprising two nights on duty followed by two days and nights off duty. Crew may work on a voluntary basis during the day of the last 24 hours. ...”

3. Post meeting discussion was made with the concerned members. A simplified amendment to paragraph 4.1.2.1 of the "Permit to Operate" is proposed as follows:

" Work periods shall be based on a cycle of 96 hours, commencing at 0600 hours and comprising two nights on duty followed by two days and nights off duty. Crew may work day or night duty on a voluntary basis during ~~the day of~~ the last 24 hours."

ACTION REQUIRED

4. Members are requested to advise their views on the simplified amendment, if any to the secretary of the HSCCC on or before 13 March 2015. The proposed amendment will be made effective if no adverse comment is received from members after the deadline.

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