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Retroactive Approval of Vessel Security Officer Course

The Coast Guard has begun endorsing the STCW certificates of qualified mariners as "Vessel Security Officer", as required by STCW Section A-VI/5. Among the qualification requirements for this endorsement is completion of training accepted by a Coast Guard approved Quality Standard System (QSS) organization.

Det Norske Veritas has been authorised in our role as a Coast Guard-approved QSS organization, to retroactively accept training that complies with the STCW and the relevant parts of the MTSA.

We have evaluated your request of 10 July 2008 seeking retroactive approval of the combined *Vessel and Company Security Officer Course* offered by the RTM STAR Centre.
We have determined that the course satisfied the requirements set forth in 33 CFR Part 104 for a Coast Guard Vessel Security Officer (VSO) endorsement. Accordingly, applicants for a Coast Guard VSO endorsement presenting RTM STAR Center *Vessel and Company Security Officer Course* certificate, dated from 28 January 2003 to 31 May 2005, will receive credit for having successfully completed a Coast Guard-accepted VSO course.

Yours faithfully
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