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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required for ensuring that the commercial obligations of the vessel are met. It includes planning the operations for vessels that are engaged in complex commercial operations and making sure that they comply with commercial requirements, ensuring those involved have clearly defined responsibilities, that operations are properly monitored and that all relevant documentation is complete and distributed as required.  **Target Group**  This standard applies to individuals at the managerial level with responsibility for ensuring the vessel's compliance with commercial obligations on any size vessel working in any operational area. |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. plan operations in accordance with commercial requirements 2. ensure that training of those involved in commercial operations is sufficient and meets quality standards 3. clearly define the responsibilities of teams and individuals and the limits of their authority 4. monitor operations in accordance with commercial requirements 5. ensure that documentation is complete, accurate and complies with organisational, legal and commercial requirements 6. investigate and instigate remedial action for documentation not meeting the required standards 7. ensure that documentation is distributed efficiently and within required timescales to authorised persons and organisations |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. the application of commercial law to vessel operations 2. how to monitor and control compliance with legislative requirements 3. measures to ensure safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment 4. how to maintain safety and security of all on board, and the operational condition of life-saving, fire-fighting and other safety systems 5. the development of emergency and damage control plans and how to handle emergency situations 6. how to organise and manage the crew 7. the principles and application of UK and international law to vessel operations 8. the procedures for dry-docking and the preparations required for surveys 9. how to evaluate and apply statutory regulations and guidelines, organisational instructions and guidance, and vessel contingency plans |

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