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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED**

**Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification
and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, confirmed by
the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which
demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the
relevant provisions of the Convention**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its ninety-sixth session (11 to 20 May 2016), received a report by the Secretary-General pursuant to regulation I/7, paragraph 2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention), 1978, as amended. The report was in respect of two STCW Parties whose information had not been fully evaluated previously. A list of the STCW Parties which had communicated information that demonstrated that they were giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention at that session of the Committee, together with those which had previously been confirmed by MSC 95 (Wednesday, 3 to Friday 12 June 2015), MSC 91 (Monday, 26 to Friday, 30 November 2012), MSC 88 (24 November to 3 December 2010), MSC 87 (12 to 21 May 2010), MSC 84 (7 to 16 May 2008), MSC 82 (29 November to 8 December 2006), MSC 80 (11 to 21 May 2005), MSC 79 (1 to 10 December 2004), MSC 78 (12 to 21 May 2004), MSC 77 (28 May to 6 June 2003), MSC 76 (2 to 13 December 2002), MSC 75 (15 to 24 May 2002), the Committee's first extraordinary session (27 and 28 November 2001), MSC 74 (30 May to 8 June 2001) and MSC 73 (27 November to 6 December 2000), was promulgated by means of MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.9 dated 15 June 2015.

2 MSC 96 noted that, in preparing the report required by STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 2, the Secretary-General had solicited and taken into account the views of competent persons selected from the list established pursuant to paragraph 5 of section A-I/7 of the STCW Code and circulated as MSC/Circ.797, as revised from time to time.

3 In accordance with STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 3, MSC 96 confirmed two further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.9, which had communicated information demonstrating that it was giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, as amended. The list in the annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above. The Committee noted that, as the process of communicating and evaluating information is continuing, further Parties may be added to the list in the annex at subsequent meetings.

4 The Committee draws the attention of maritime administrations, shipowners, ship operators and managers, ship masters and other parties concerned to the following:

- .1 not all of the STCW Parties listed in the annex provide seafarer training, and some of those Parties listed may only provide a limited range of training; and
- .2 the fact that a Party is listed in the annex does not relieve those concerned of their obligations under the STCW Convention.

5 As Parties are entitled to accept, in principle, certificates issued by or on behalf of Parties identified in the list in the annex, and a position on that list is one of the necessary measures used by many Administrations for the issue of endorsements in compliance with STCW regulation I/10, the attention of port State control officers is drawn to the fact that this circular was issued on 23 May 2016 and, therefore, some seafarers may, for practical reasons, not hold certificates with such endorsements.

ANNEX

Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the relevant provisions of the Convention

Albania	Guatemala	Panama
Algeria	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Peru
Argentina	Hungary	Philippines
Australia	Iceland	Poland
Azerbaijan	India	Portugal
Bahamas (the)	Indonesia	Qatar
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Republic of Korea
Bangladesh	Ireland	Romania
Barbados	Italy	Russian Federation
Belgium	Israel	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Jamaica	Samoa
Brazil	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Brunei Darussalam	Jordan	Senegal
Bulgaria	Kenya	Serbia*****
Cambodia	Kiribati	Seychelles
Canada	Kuwait	Singapore
Cabo Verde	Latvia	Slovak Republic
Chile	Lebanon	Slovenia
China*	Liberia	Solomon Islands
Colombia	Lithuania	South Africa
Comoros	Luxembourg	Spain
Cook Islands (the)	Libya	Sri Lanka
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Sweden
Croatia	Malaysia	Switzerland
Cuba	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cyprus	Maldives	Thailand
Czech Republic	Malta	Togo
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Marshall Islands	Tonga
Denmark**	Mauritania	Trinidad and Tobago
Dominica	Mauritius	Tunisia
Ecuador	Mexico	Turkey
Egypt	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tuvalu
El Salvador	Montenegro*****	Ukraine
Eritrea	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Mozambique	United Kingdom****
Ethiopia	Myanmar	United Republic of Tanzania
Fiji	Netherlands***	United States
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay
France	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Georgia	Norway	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Germany	Oman	Viet Nam
Ghana	Pakistan	

* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO).

** Includes: Faroe Islands (Associate Member to the IMO).

*** Includes: Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten.

**** Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man.

***** Part of ex. Yugoslavia. As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.