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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 seventy-fifth session (15 to 24 May 2002), received reports 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 reports were in respect of those STCW Parties whose information had not been fully evaluated previously and, more recently, in time for them to be considered by the Committee's first extraordinary session (27 and 28 November 2001). A list of the STCW Parties confirmed at that session of the Committee, together with those which had previously been confirmed by MSC 74 (30 May to 8 June 2001) and MSC 73 (27 November to 6 December 2000) to have communicated information, which had demonstrated that full and complete effect was given to the relevant provisions of the Convention, was promulgated by means of MSC/Circ.1018 dated 29 November 2001.

2 MSC 75 noted that, in preparing the reports 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 75 confirmed further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1018, which had communicated information demonstrating that they were giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, as amended. **The list at annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its seventy-third, seventy-fourth, first extraordinary and seventy-fifth sessions.** The Committee noted that, as the process of communicating and evaluating information is continuing, further Parties may be added to the list at 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 at 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 at 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 2002 and, therefore, some seafarers may, for practical reasons, not hold certificates with such endorsements.

6 Notwithstanding the Committee's identification of the Parties listed at annex, Member Governments are also invited to draw the attention of their port State control officers to the guidance contained in STCW.7/Circ.12 where, in cases where a seafarer's documentation complies with the requirements in force immediately before 1 February 2002, but is not in accordance with the requirements of the STCW Convention as revised in 1995, port State control officers are recommended, until 31 July 2002, to issue only a warning to companies and to notify the seafarers and Administrations concerned accordingly.

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

Algeria	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Peru
Argentina	Hungary	Philippines
Australia	Iceland	Poland
Azerbaijan	India	Portugal
Bahamas	Indonesia	Republic of Korea
Bangladesh	Ireland	Romania
Barbados	Islamic Republic of Iran	Russian Federation
Belgium	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Israel	Samoa
Brazil	Jamaica	Senegal
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Singapore
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Slovak Republic
Canada	Kuwait	Slovenia
Chile	Latvia	Solomon Islands
China	Lebanon	South Africa
Colombia	Liberia	Spain
Comoros	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
Côte d'Ivoire	Luxembourg	Sweden
Croatia	Madagascar	Switzerland
Cuba	Malaysia	Thailand
Cyprus	Maldives	Tonga
Czech Republic	Malta	Trinidad & Tobago
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Marshall Islands	Tunisia
Denmark*	Mauritius	Turkey
Dominica	México	Tuvalu
Ecuador	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Ukraine
Egypt	Morocco	United Kingdom***
Estonia	Mozambique	United States
Ethiopia	Myanmar	Uruguay
Fiji	Netherlands**	Vanuatu
Finland	New Zealand	Venezuela
France	Nigeria	Viet Nam
Georgia	Norway	Yugoslavia
Germany	Pakistan	China (Hong Kong SAR)****
Ghana	Panama	

* Includes: Faeroe Islands

** Includes: Netherlands Antilles & Aruba

*** Includes: Isle of Man
Bermuda
Cayman Islands
Gibraltar

**** Associate Member