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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-seventh session (28 to 6 June 2003), 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 in time for them to be considered by MSC 76 (2 to 13 December 2002). 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 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.1066 dated 13 December 2002.

2 MSC 77 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 77 confirmed further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1066, 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, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh 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 5 June 2003 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

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

* Includes: Faeroe Islands

** Includes: Netherlands Antilles & Aruba

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

**** Associate Member