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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-eighth session (12 to 21 May 2004), 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 77 (30 May to 8 June 2003). 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 77 (30 May to 8 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.1092 dated 5 June 2003.

2 MSC 78 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 78 confirmed further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1092, 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, seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth 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 20 May 2004 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	Saudi Arabia
Belgium	Israel	Senegal
Belize	Jamaica	Singapore
Brazil	Japan	Slovak Republic
Brunei Darussalam	Jordan	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Canada	Kuwait	South Africa
Cape Verde	Latvia	Spain
Chile	Lebanon	Sri Lanka
China	Liberia	Sweden
Colombia	Lithuania	Switzerland
Comoros	Luxembourg	Syrian Arab Republic
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Thailand
Croatia	Malaysia	Tonga
Cuba	Maldives	Trinidad & Tobago
Cyprus	Malta	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mauritius	Tuvalu
Denmark*	Mexico	Ukraine
Dominica	Micronesia (Federated States of)	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Morocco	United Kingdom***
Egypt	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania
Estonia	Myanmar	United States
Ethiopia	Netherlands**	Uruguay
Fiji	New Zealand*****	Vanuatu
Finland	Nigeria	Venezuela
France	Norway	Viet Nam
Georgia	Pakistan	Yugoslavia
Germany	Panama	Hong Kong, China****
Ghana	Papua New Guinea	
	Peru	

* Includes: Faeroe Islands

** Includes: Netherlands Antilles & Aruba

*** Includes: Isle of Man

Bermuda
Cayman Islands
Gibraltar

**** Associate Member to the IMO

***** Includes: The Cook Islands