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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 eightieth session (11 to 20 May 2005), 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 79. 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 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.1134 dated 10 December 2004.

2 MSC 80 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 80 confirmed one further STCW Party, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1134, 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 at annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its seventy-third, seventy-fourth, first extraordinary, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth and eightieth 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 2005 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	Ghana	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Philippines
Argentina	Honduras	Poland
Australia	Hungary	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Qatar
Bahamas	India	Republic of Korea
Bahrain	Indonesia	Romania
Bangladesh	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Russian Federation
Barbados	Ireland	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belgium	Italy	Samoa
Belize	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Jamaica	Senegal
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Singapore
Bulgaria	Jordan	Slovak Republic
Cambodia	Kiribati	Slovenia
Canada	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Cape Verde	Latvia	South Africa
Chile	Lebanon	Spain
China*	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Colombia	Lithuania	Sweden
Comoros	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Croatia	Malaysia	Thailand
Cuba	Maldives	Tonga
Cyprus	Malta	Trinidad & Tobago
Czech Republic	Marshall Islands	Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mauritius	Turkey
Denmark**	Mexico	Tuvalu
Dominica	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Ukraine
Ecuador	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Mozambique	United Kingdom*****
Estonia	Myanmar	United Republic of Tanzania
Ethiopia	Netherlands***	United States
Fiji	New Zealand****	Uruguay
Finland	Nigeria	Vanuatu
France	Norway	Venezuela
Georgia	Pakistan	Viet Nam
Germany	Panama	Yugoslavia
	Papua New Guinea	

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- * Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO)
- ** Includes: Faroe Islands (Associate Member to the IMO)
- *** Includes: Netherlands Antilles & Aruba
- **** Includes: The Cook Islands
- ***** Includes: Bermuda
Cayman Islands
Gibraltar
Isle of Man