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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 eighty-sixth session (27 May to 5 June 2009), 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 84. 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 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.3 dated 16 May 2008.

2 MSC 86 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 86 confirmed two further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.3, 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 in the 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, eightieth, eighty-second, eighty-fourth and eighty-sixth sessions. 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 8 June 2009 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
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Algeria	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Peru
Argentina	Hungary	Philippines
Australia	Iceland	Poland
Azerbaijan	India	Portugal
Bahamas	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	Kiribati	*****
Cambodia	Kuwait	Serbia
Canada	Latvia	Singapore
Cape Verde	Lebanon	Slovak Republic
Chile	Liberia	Slovenia
China*	Lithuania	Solomon Islands
Colombia	Luxembourg	South Africa
Comoros	Madagascar	Spain
Côte d'Ivoire	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Croatia	Malawi	Sweden
Cuba	Maldives	Switzerland
Cyprus	Malta	Syrian Arab Republic
Czech Republic	Marshall Islands	Thailand
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mauritania	Tonga
Denmark**	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Dominica	Mexico	Tunisia
Ecuador	Micronesia (Federated States of) *****	Turkey
Egypt	Montenegro	Tuvalu
Eritrea	Morocco	Ukraine
Estonia	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Ethiopia	Myanmar	*****
Fiji	Netherlands***	United Kingdom
Finland	New Zealand****	United Republic of Tanzania
France	Nigeria	United States
Georgia	Norway	Uruguay
Germany	Oman	Vanuatu
Ghana	Pakistan	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
	Panama	Viet Nam

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

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

*** Includes: Netherlands Antilles and Aruba

**** Includes: The Cook Islands

***** Includes: Bermuda
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.