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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-eighth session (24 November to 3 December 2010), received a report 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 87. 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 87 (12 to 21 May 2010), 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.5 dated 26 May 2010.

2 MSC 88 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 88 confirmed one further STCW Party, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.5, 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 in the annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above. 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 7 December 2010 and, therefore, some seafarers may, for practical reasons, not hold certificates with such endorsements.

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

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

\*\* Includes: The Faroes (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.