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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-fourth session (30 May to 8 June 2001), 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, 1978, as amended, (STCW Convention). The reports were in respect of those STCW Parties whose information had not been fully evaluated in time for the seventy-third session of the Committee (27 November to 6 December 2000). The list of STCW Parties confirmed at that session of the Committee to have communicated information, which had demonstrated that full and complete effect was given to the relevant provisions of the Convention, was promulgated as MSC/Circ.978.

2 MSC 74 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 the competent persons selected from the list established pursuant to paragraph 5 of section AI/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 74 confirmed further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ 978, which had communicated information demonstrating that they give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention. **The list at annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at both its seventy-third and seventy-fourth 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 its 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 Notwithstanding the Committee's identification of the Parties listed at annex, Member Governments are invited to draw the attention of their port State control officers to the guidance contained in MSC/Circ.918 including the fact that valid certificates of competency and endorsements issued or recognized by a Party in accordance with the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, which were in force immediately prior to 1 February 1997, remain valid until 1 February 2002, subject to STCW regulation I/15.

6 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 8 June 2001 and, therefore, for practical reasons, seafarers should not be expected to hold certificates with such endorsements until 1 February 2002.

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

* Includes: Faeroe Islands

** Includes: Isle of Man
Bermuda
Cayman Islands
Gibraltar

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