The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), noted that the 1995 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, and the Seafarers’ Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code have superseded several MSC circulars which had therefore become redundant.

Accordingly, the Committee decided to revoke MSC/Circ.143, MSC/Circ.393, MSC/Circ.472, MSC/Circ.564, MSC/Circ.579, MSC/Circ.595, MSC/Circ.619 and MSC/Circ.634 with effect from 1 February 2002.*

Member Governments are invited to be guided accordingly and to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned.

* MSC/Circ.143 Training and qualifications of officers and crews of ships carrying hazardous or noxious chemicals in bulk; MSC/Circ.393 Harmonized interpretation of certain provisions of the STCW Convention; MSC/Circ.472 Guidelines on the definitions of near coastal voyages; MSC/Circ.564 Co-operation in establishing a database of examination questions and answers; MSC/Circ.579 Simulator training; MSC/Circ.595 Principles and guidelines concerning drug and alcohol abuse programmes; MSC/Circ.619 Minimum in service eyesight standards; MSC/Circ.634 Drug and alcohol abuse.