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 ninety-fifth session (3 to 12 June 2015), 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 report was in respect of a STCW Party, whose information had not been fully evaluated previously. 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 91 (Monday, 26 to Friday, 30 November 2012) MSC 88 (24 November to 3 December 2010), 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.8 dated 24 May 2011.

2. MSC 95 noted that, in preparing the report 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 95 confirmed one further STCW Party, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.8, 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 15 June 2015 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

Albania  
Argentina  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Australia  
Azerbaijan  
Bahamas (the)  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Belgium  
Belize  
Brazil  
Brunei Darussalam  
Bulgaria  
Cambodia  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Chile  
China*  
Colombia  
Comoros  
Cook Islands (the)  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Croatia  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Denmark**  
Dominica*  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Ghana  
Papua New Guinea  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Qatar  
Republic of Korea  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
Samoa  
Senegal  
Serbia****  
Seychelles  
Singapore  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands  
South Africa  
Spain  
Sri Lanka  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Syrian Arab Republic  
Thailand  
Togo  
Tonga  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Tuvalu  
Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom****  
United Republic of Tanzania  
United States  
Uruguay  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  
Viet Nam

*  Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO)
** Includes: Faroe Islands (Associate Member to the IMO)
*** Includes: Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten
**** Includes: Bermuda
***** 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.