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-first session (26 to 30 November 2012), 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 89 (11 to 20 May 2011) 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.7 dated 24 May 2011.

2 MSC 91 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 91 confirmed one further STCW Party, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.7, 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 at 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 January 2013 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
Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
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

Greece
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Italy
Israel
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Kiribati
Kuwait
Latvia
Lebanon
Liberia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Libya
Madagascar
Malaysia
Malawi
Maldives
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Netherlands***
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama

Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Saudi Arabia
Senegal****
Serbia
Singapore
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Togo
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
* Includes: British Virgin Islands
** Includes: Cayman Islands
*** Includes: Gibraltar
**** 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.