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

\* 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  
British Virgin Islands  
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.