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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978**

**Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification
and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, 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 104th session (4 to 8 October 2021), 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. The report was in respect of one STCW Party, the information of which had not been fully evaluated previously. A list of the STCW Party which had communicated information that demonstrated that it was giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention at that session of the Committee, together with those which had been confirmed at previous sessions, is set out in the annex.

2 MSC 104 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 7 of section A-I/7 of the STCW Code and circulated under MSC/Circ.797, as revised from time to time.

3 In accordance with STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 3, MSC 104 confirmed one STCW Party, additional to those included in the list set out in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.12, which had communicated information demonstrating that it was giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention. The list in the annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its session 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 sessions.

4 The Committee draws the attention of maritime Administrations, shipowners, ship operators and managers, shipmasters 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 1978 STCW Convention.

5 As Parties are entitled to accept, in principle, certificates issued by or on behalf of STCW Parties, and a position on the list set out in the annex is one of the necessary measures used by many Administrations for the issue of endorsements in accordance with STCW regulation I/10, the attention of port State control officers is drawn to the fact that this circular was issued on 18 October 2021.

ANNEX

Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, 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	Panama
Algeria	Guatemala	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Peru
Argentina	Hungary	Philippines (the)
Australia	Iceland	Poland
Azerbaijan	India	Portugal
Bahamas (the)	Indonesia	Qatar
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Republic of Korea (the)
Bangladesh	Ireland	Romania
Barbados	Israel	Russian Federation (the)
Belgium	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Jamaica	Samoa
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Jordan	Senegal
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Serbia****
Bulgaria	Kenya	Seychelles
Cabo Verde	Kiribati	Singapore
Cambodia	Kuwait	Slovakia
Canada	Latvia	Slovenia
Chile	Lebanon	Solomon Islands
China*	Liberia	South Africa
Colombia	Libya	Spain
Comoros (the)	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
Cook Islands (the)	Luxembourg	Sweden
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Switzerland
Croatia	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cuba	Malaysia	Thailand
Cyprus	Maldives	Togo
Czech Republic	Malta	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	Marshall Islands (the)	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark**	Mauritania	Tunisia
Dominica	Mauritius	Turkey
Ecuador	Mexico	Tuvalu
Egypt	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Ukraine
El Salvador	Montenegro****	United Arab Emirates (the)
Eritrea	Morocco	United Kingdom (the)****
Estonia	Mozambique	United Republic of Tanzania (the)
Ethiopia	Myanmar	United States (the)
Fiji	Netherlands (the)***	Uruguay
Finland	New Zealand	Vanuatu
France	Nigeria	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Georgia	Norway	Viet Nam
Germany	Oman	
Ghana	Pakistan	
	Palau	

* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO).

** Includes: Faroes (Associate Member to the IMO).

*** Includes: Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

**** Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and 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.