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DEPARTMENT
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To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Subject: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as amended- Security Awareness Training or Security training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties

I refer to the above subject and further to our Circular No. 19/2007 dated 17th August 2007 and Circular No.05/2012 dated 20th January 2012, taking into consideration the Philippines MARINA Advisory No. 2013-25 dated 22nd November 2013 and the request of many Registered Owners and Managers of ships flying the Cyprus flag, I wish to inform you that the Department of Merchant Shipping has decided the following:

1. In accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended, seafarers holding valid ship security officer certificates of proficiency issued in accordance with regulation VI/5 are not required to undergo training in accordance with regulation VI/6 (*Security Awareness Training or Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties*) of the STCW 78 Convention as amended.
2. Certificates of proficiency issued in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended by or on behalf a Country confirmed by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the relevant provisions of the STCW 78 Convention as amended (*IMO White List*) are accepted.
3. A Cyprus endorsement certificate to attest the recognition of non Cyprus certificates of proficiency issued in accordance with regulation VI/5 and VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended, i.e. :
 - Ship Security Officer Certificate;
 - Security Awareness Training Certificate ;
 - Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties Certificate,

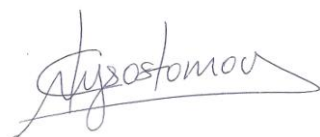
is not required.



4. **Seafarers who commenced their sea service on board Cyprus flagged vessels before 09 December 2013 and are not holders of certificates of proficiency for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties issued in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended are exempted from the provisions of this regulation and can remain on board until the end of their contracts but not later than 09 December 2014.**
5. Seafarers who have an approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel, for a period of at least six months in total during the period 01/01/2009-31/12/2011 should, until 1st January 2014, apply to this Department for the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended.
6. Every application made for the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties in accordance with regulation VI/6 and Section A-VI/6 paragraphs 5 and 9 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended must be supported by the following:
 - i) Completed application form EN05F10.
 - ii) Two passport size photographs.
 - iii) A letter from the management company or companies, attesting the seagoing service of the applicant and whether during this service he/she performed designated security duties on board their ships for a period of at least six months in total during the period 01/01/2009-31/12/2011.
 - iv) Photocopy of valid Medical fitness certificate.
 - v) Application for Cyprus Seaman's book if seafarer is not a holder of one.
 - vi) Relevant fees (34.17 euro).
7. The present Circular amends Circular No.05/2012.

The Seafarers' Division of the Department of Merchant Shipping will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any supplementary explanations and clarifications they may require.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.



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- Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Offices of the Republic
- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Trade Union SEK
- Trade Union PEO