

## **Circular Note 2 of 2018**

### **Implementation of requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention), as amended**

1. Following the STCW submissions made by the Shipping Division of the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has through MSC Circular MSC/Circ 1164/Rev. 19 of the 25 May 2018 (**Annex I**) informed that the Republic of Mauritius has demonstrated to have given full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, as amended.

2. This implies that legislations, guidelines, documents and procedures in place with respect to:

- a. Training, examination and certification of seafarers;
- b. Approval of STCW courses;
- c. Approval of maritime training institutions;
- d. Medical examination of seafarers including approval of medical practitioners for the examination of seafarers;
- e. Issue of National Certificates of Competency and Proficiency;
- f. Control and issue of Certificates of Competency and Proficiency
- g. Undertakings for recognition STCW Certificates of Competency;
- h. Recognition of foreign STCW Certificates of Competency;
- i. The duly certified MS ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management System of the Shipping Division

give full and complete effect to the provisions of the STCW Convention, as amended.

3. You may also wish to note that Egypt, Liberia and Mauritius are the **only African countries** to have successfully completed the third cycle evaluation and Mauritius, India and Sri Lanka are the **only Indian Ocean countries** to have successfully completed same.

4. Furthermore, as Mauritius has successfully completed its STCW third cycle evaluation, Mauritius remains on the IMO "STCW White List". STCW certificates issued by Mauritius, are duly recognized by IMO parties. Consequently, Shipowners and approved Maritime Training Institutions are instructed to ensure continued compliance with all requirements of the STCW guidelines issued by this Ministry and with all requirements of the STCW Convention, as amended.

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