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**MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 2 of 2017**

**Title: Fraudulent STCW Certificates**

Notice to: Ship Owners/Masters/Managers/Operators, Manning and  
Recruiting Agents, Maritime Training Institutions and Seafarers.

**The objectives of this Merchant Shipping Notice are to inform the Shipping community to be aware of fraudulent STCW Certificates being issued by non-approved maritime institutions and that this is punishable by law.**

The Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, wishes to advise that it has become aware of a number of fraudulent seafarer certificates, and an associated fraudulent website of a non-approved Maritime Training institution which conducts online courses and issues fraudulent seafarer certificates.

This concerns mainly STCW Basic Safety and passenger ship short courses certificates and those personnel about to join cruise vessels.

All those concerned are informed that in Mauritius STCW Certificates are issued ONLY by maritime training institutions approved by this Ministry. Presently there are only two approved maritime training institutions which can dispense STCW courses and are listed in Appendix 1 of this Merchant Shipping Notice.

Any foreign maritime training institution shall prior to conducting any STCW course be approved by the Maritime Administration of the country where the courses are to be dispensed.

Prospective seafarers are kindly advised to contact the Shipping Division of this Ministry should they have any doubt about the genuineness of a certificate or of a maritime training institution. Any seafarer found in possession of fraudulent certificates on board a vessel would have their employment terminated immediately.

Issuing and being in possession of fraudulent certificates are considered as offences and are punishable by law.

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## APPENDIX 1

### APPROVED MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS IN MAURITIUS

1. **Mauritius Maritime Training Academy**  
**Royal Road**  
**Pointe Aux Sables**  
**Mauritius**
  
2. **Acropolis Training Institution**  
**Hi-Tech Center**  
**Coastal Road**  
**Pointe Aux Sables**
  
3. **STCW Courses for which approval have been granted to each institution**

|           | <b>Courses</b>   | <b>Mauritius Maritime Training Academy</b> | <b>Acropolis Training Institution</b> |
|-----------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | The 4 Elements of Basic Safety   | Yes  | Yes                                   |
| <b>2</b>  | Crowd Management and Safety Training for Personnel providing Direct Services in Passenger Spaces | Yes  | Yes                                   |
| <b>3</b>  | Crisis Management & Human Behaviour  | Yes  | Yes                                   |
| <b>4</b>  | Proficiency in Survival Crafts and Rescue Boats( Other than Fast Rescue Boats)                   | Yes  | <b>NO</b>                             |
| <b>5</b>  | Security Awareness   | Yes  | Yes                                   |
| <b>6</b>  | Designated Security Duties   | Yes  | Yes                                   |
| <b>7</b>  | Able Seafarer Deck   | <b>NO</b>                                  | <b>NO</b>                             |
| <b>8</b>  | Able Seafarer Engine   | <b>NO</b>                                  | <b>NO</b>                             |
| <b>9</b>  | Ratings forming part of Navigational watch   | Yes  | <b>NO</b>                             |
| <b>10</b> | Ratings forming part of Engineering watch  | Yes  | <b>NO</b>                             |

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