



Republic of Mauritius

**Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit,
Land Transport and Shipping
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PORT LOUIS**

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Title: CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY FOR SHIP SECURITY OFFICERS

Notice to Ship owners, and Masters of ships under the Mauritian flag,
Classification Societies, Port and Flag State Surveyors.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform all stakeholders about the position of this Ministry regarding the Ship Security Officer Certificate of Proficiency.

1. Introduction

Under Chapter VI of the International Convention on Standard of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 (STCW) as amended, all persons designated as Ship Security Officer (SSO) are to be issued with a Certificate of Proficiency.

2. Responsibility of owners/ operators

Owner(s), ship operators and manning agents shall ensure that any person designated as a SSO onboard a Mauritian flagged vessel has been issued with a Certificate of Proficiency attesting to competence under the STCW Code A-VI/5 prior embarkation.

3. Issuance of a certificate of proficiency

Given that there is ***no requirement under the STCW Convention 78 (as amended) for a Flag State Endorsement to be issued*** with respect to the SSO Certificate of Proficiency and accordingly, all those concerned should note that for service onboard Mauritian flagged vessels, this Ministry will accept any certificate of proficiency issued by either:

.1 the Maritime Administration of a country which is party to the STCW Convention 78, (as amended) and with which Mauritius has an Agreement of Recognition, OR

.2 an Organisation/Institution approved by a Maritime Administration the country of which is party to STCW and with which Mauritius has an Agreement of Recognition, OR

.3 an Organisation/Institution approved by this Ministry to issue the certificate, OR

.4 an Organisation/Institution approved by a Maritime Administration the country of which is on the Imo white list.

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