



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Implementation of 2010 Manila Amendments to STCW convention and code.

- The Manila Amendments to STCW convention will be implemented from 01 January 2017.
- From 1 January 2017 all seafarers required to carry certificate and flag endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila amendments to STCW convention.
- IMO has issued circular MSC.1/Circ.1560 (copy attached) advising actions to be taken by PSC authorities and recognized organization in case where seafarers are not carrying certificates and endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila Amendments to STCW convention.
 - a. For Port State Control:

In cases where a seafarer documentation complied with requirements in force immediately before 01 January 2017, but was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention. All PSC authorities, until 01 July 2017, recommended to take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections and notify the ships, seafarers and Administrations concerned accordingly.
 - b. For Recognized Organization:

It is recommended that until 1 July 2017, when carrying ISM Audit and verification under SOLAS 74, verify compliance of seafarer's documentation with respect to 2010 Manila Amendments and if same not found in compliance; administration to be informed.
- Individual Flag will be issuing circular based on above. AMSA and South African Maritime Safety Authority has already issued circular (copy for same attached).
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above

Enclosure:

1. IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1560 reg. actions to be taken by administrations, PSC and recognized organization in case where not all seafarers carry certificates and endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW convention and code from 01 January 2017.
2. Australian Maritime Safety Authority Marine Notice 20/207.
3. South African Maritime Safety Authority Marine Notice 38 of 2016.

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