



Maritime Circular No.51

To:

China Maritime Safety Administration / Registration Officers (RegOff), Ship-Owners / Managers / Operators, Flag Safety Inspectors, Class Societies and Recognised Organisations (RO), SLMARAD Departments (All)

Subject:

Recognition of Certificates of Competency issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration

Date:

30th November 2023

References:

Standard of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978, as amended

Purpose

This Maritime Circular provides attestation for recognition of Certificates of Competency (CoC) issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/10 of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended.

Sierra Leone Maritime Administration issues Certificates of Endorsement (CoE) to Masters, Officers, GMDSS Radio Operators or other applicable seafarers, who are certified by the China Maritime Safety Administration.

Application

1. The present Maritime Circular applies to all commercial vessels and yachts registered under the Flag of Sierra Leone.
2. Sierra Leone Maritime Administration (SLMARAD) attests the recognition of the Certificates of Competency issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration (China MSA).
3. Seafarers who hold a valid COC issued by the China MSA and have a Certificate of Endorsement (COE) issued by SLMARAD are allowed to serve onboard Sierra Leonean vessels.
4. SLMARAD recognizes COCs issued by the China MSA, on the basis that complete information as prescribed in article IV and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code has been communicated by China MSA to the Secretary General of IMO and such information is confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention.
5. SLMARAD confirms that negotiations have been initiated to sign an undertaking agreement between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Government of China, as per the requirements of STCW Regulation I/10 and IMO Guidelines MSC.1/Circ.1450.

6. The above enters into force on 30/11/2023.

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