



Maritime Circular No.53

To:

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

Subject:

Recognition of Certificates of Competency issued by the STCW Whitelisted parties

Date:

09th January 2024

References:

Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on “Standards of Training, Certification, and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (STCW)” 1978, as amended

Purpose

This Maritime Circular provides attestation for recognition of Certificates of Competency (CoC) issued by STCW Whitelisted parties, 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 issued by the STCW Whitelisted parties.

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 STCW Whitelisted parties.
3. Seafarers who hold a valid COC issued by an STCW Whitelisted party and have a Certificate of Endorsement (COE) issued by SLMARAD are allowed to serve onboard Sierra Leonean vessels.
4. SLMARAD recognizes COCs issued by STCW Whitelisted parties, on the basis that complete information as prescribed in article IV and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code has been communicated by STCW Whitelisted parties 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 STCW Whitelisted parties, as per the requirements of STCW Regulation I/10 and IMO Guidelines MSC.1/Circ.1450.
To this effect, while negotiations with the relevant Maritime Administrations are in progress and until an Agreements are concluded, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration recognizes unilaterally

the COCs issued by the above-mentioned Maritime Administrations and all Whitelisted parties, on the basis that complete information as prescribed in article IV and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code has been communicated by the respective country to the Secretary General and such information was confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention.

6. The above enters into force on 09/01/2024.

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