



Maritime Circular No.54

To:

Registration Officers (RegOff), Ship-Owners / Managers / Operators, SLMARAD Departments (All), International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Subject:

Responsibilities of the Companies for the seafarers assigned onboard Sierra Leonean Ships

Date:

30th of April 2024

References:

- 1. Regulation I/14 of the International Convention on “Standards of Training, Certification, and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (STCW)” 1978, as amended.**
 - 2. Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers) Regulations, 2021.**
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Purpose

This Maritime Circular provides guidance for Responsibilities of companies, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/14 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended.

Application

In accordance with the provisions of section A-1/14, the Companies are responsible for the assignment of seafarers serving onboard Sierra Leonean ships in accordance with the provisions of the STCW Convention. Consequently, every Company shall ensure that:

1. Each seafarer assigned to any Sierra Leonean ship holds an appropriate certificate in accordance with the provisions of the STCW Convention and as established by the Administration;
2. Sierra Leonean ships are manned in compliance with the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration;
3. Seafarers assigned to any Sierra Leonean ship have received refresher and updating training as required by the Convention;
4. Documentation and data relevant to all seafarers employed on Sierra Leonean ships are maintained and readily accessible, and include, without being limited to, documentation and data on their experience, training, medical fitness and competency in assigned duties;
5. Seafarers being assigned to any Sierra Leonean ship, are familiarized with their specific duties and with all ship arrangements, installations, equipment, procedures and ship characteristics that are relevant to their routine or emergency duties.
6. The ship's crew can effectively coordinate their activities in an emergency situation and in performing functions vital to safety, security and to the prevention or mitigation of pollution;

7. Effective oral communication in accordance with chapter V, regulation 14, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended shall always be maintained onboard Sierra Leonean ships.

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