



Maritime Circular No.55

To:

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

Subject:

STCW Regulation I/5 - National Provisions

Date:

3rd of May 2024

References:

- 1. Regulation I/5 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 processes and procedures for the impartial investigation of any reported incompetency, act, omission or compromise to security that may pose a direct threat to safety of life or property at sea or to the marine environment by the holders of certificates or endorsements, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/5 of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended.

Application

Fraud, Forgery, Misrepresentation or Attempted Bribery

Any person who submits a fraudulent application for a Sierra Leonean Certificate, or Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB), or who makes misrepresentations in or in connection with an application, or who attempts to bribe or subvert any person charged with the approval of applications and/or conduct of examinations, shall be denied his/her application and shall forfeit any application fees paid, and in addition to any criminal penalties shall be forbidden to reapply for a period of not less than two (2) years.

Each individual applicant who wilfully misstates a material fact or offers forged, altered, fraudulent or fraudulently obtained documentation of qualification in connection with an application for a Sierra Leonean Certificate, or SIRB will in addition to any criminal penalties be subject to an administrative penalty and may be will not allowed to hold any Sierra Leonean Certificate, or Seafarer's Identification and Record Book for a minimum of two (2) years in addition to any criminal penalties that may be imposed.

Any ship owner or agent who submits an application for issuance of a Sierra Leonean Certificate, or SIRB, which application contains a wilful misstatement of fact or references a document which is forged, altered, fraudulent or fraudulently obtained, the truth or genuineness of which is capable of being

determined by the submitting party, will be subject to an administrative penalty for such application. Applicant may be not allowed to apply to SL for a minimum of two (2) years.

Verification of a CoC issued by other Administrations

1. A person applying for an endorsement certificate without further examination is required to submit along with his/her application proof of the validity of their CoC. Such proof could be a certified copy of the original national certificate.
2. Applicants should be aware that all such certificates are subject to verification by the Administration with the relevant authority of the issuing Country in accordance with STCW Regulation I/10. The issuing Country will be notified of any fraudulent certificate, or any certificate identified to have been obtained through fraudulent means. Above penalties and disciplinary measures shall apply.
3. This Maritime Circular should be read in conjunction with Maritime Circular No.11.

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