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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators

Issue of Certificates of Proficiency (CoPs) as Ship Security Officer (SSO)

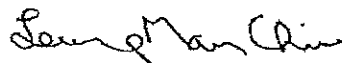
by Demonstrating Professional Competence till 30 June 2009

According to paragraph 2(b)(ii) of the Annex to the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note, no.: 40/2007, officers who have satisfied with our requirements, such as demonstrating their professional competence acquired before 1 January 2008 etc., can apply for the issue of CoPs as SSO from this Department. However, according to Regulation VI/5 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended (STCW Convention), such application can only be accepted till 30 June 2009.

Your attention is drawn to the above restriction. When you submit the above mentioned applications by post, fax or email etc., please make sure that they will reach this Department on or before 30 June 2009. After that date, we are not allowed to process your applications. If the applications are submitted by fax or email, all required original documents, including the fee, should be sent to us as soon as possible.

We would also like to reiterate that officers holding CoPs as SSO issued by recognized STCW Convention countries are not required to apply again. These CoPs as SSO have the same effect as those issued by Hong Kong. Furthermore, officers who have already got a CoP as SSO from this Department can apply for a new CoP free of charge when they renew their Hong Kong Licences provided that there is no change of Class of their HK Licences. Otherwise they have to pay the fee of HK\$140 (e.g. Class 3 to Class 2 or Class 2 to Class 1).

Should you have any queries, please contact us.


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Senior Surveyor/Seafarers' Certification
for Director of Marine