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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Holders of Certificates of Competency issued by the Republic of Cyprus
Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Subject: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as amended- Revalidation of Cyprus Certificates of Competency beyond the 31st December 2016.

I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you that in order to put into effect the provisions of the 2010 Manila Amendments of the STCW78 Convention which will be in force after 31 December 2016 in respect with the revalidation of the **Cyprus Certificates of Competency** (CCoC) I have decided as follows:

1. Master and deck officers holders of CCoC to revalidate their certificates of competency beyond 31 December 2016 must:

   a) Have training in Ship Simulator and Bridge Teamwork (BRM) (IMO Model Course 1.22) and present a certificate issued by the Republic of Cyprus.
   b) Have training in ECDIS (IMO Model Course 1.27) and present a certificate issued by the Republic of Cyprus.
   c) Undergo refreshing courses or full courses training accordingly at training centers approved by the Republic of Cyprus and present the appropriate certificates (DMS Circ. 09/2015).

2. Engine officers holders of CCoC to revalidate their certificate of competency beyond 31 December 2016 must:

   a) Have training in Engine Room Simulator (ERS) (IMO Model Course 2.07) and present a certificate issued by the Republic of Cyprus.
   b) Have training in High Voltage and present a certificate issued by the Republic of Cyprus.
   c) Undergo refreshing courses or full courses training accordingly at training centers approved by the Republic of Cyprus and present the appropriate certificates of proficiency issued by the Republic of Cyprus (DMS Circ. 09/2015).

3. Certificates issued by the Administration of a Country whose certificates of competency are recognized by the Republic of Cyprus (DMS. Circ. 29/2014) are accepted in lieu of the certificates referred in 1 and 2 above.

Please note that for the revalidation of CCoC until 31 December 2016 the above mention training is not required. Masters and officers presenting at any time the above mentioned certificates they may apply for a renewal of the CCoC for a period not exceeding five years from the date of the previous revalidation without any additional requirement for exams and sea service.

The Seafarers´ Division of the Department will be at the disposal of CCoC Holders, Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.



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- Trade Union PEO
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