SIERRA LEONE
MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION

Maritime Circular No.10

To:
Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), Flag State Inspectors (FSIs), SLMARAD Departments (All), All Parties Concerned

Subject:
Minimum Safe Manning Requirements

Date:
2nd November 2017

References:
STCW Convention, 1978 as amended, Resolution A.1047 (27) Principles of Safe Manning, SOLAS V/13, XI-2, ILO Maritime Labour Convention(MLC), 2006, as amended

Purpose

To provide instructions on the requirements of this Administration regarding the Safe Manning of Sierra Leonean Vessels.

Application

1. This Circular applies to all Sierra Leonean Vessels.

2. **Implementation of the STCW Convention and Code, 2010 Manilla Amendments**

   a. Able Seafarer Deck, whose standards of competence were added with the STCW Convention and Code, 2010 Manilla Amendments under the Regulation II/5, will be inserted on the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate as an additional grade/capacity. In accordance with Regulation II/5, of the Convention an Able Seafarer Deck who is the holder of a valid Certificate of Proficiency can take the position of Rating forming part of a Navigational Watch (Regulation II/4) indicated on the MSM Certificate. This Administration will accept Watch Keeping Deck Ratings limited to Regulation II/4 instead of Able Seafarer Deck under Regulation II/5, if they have served in relevant capacities, for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months. The new capacities do not affect previous capacities which were included in the STCW Convention prior to the newly adopted amendments.

   b. Able Seafarer Engine, whose standards of competence were added with the STCW Convention and Code, 2010 Manilla Amendments under the Regulation III/5, will be inserted on the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate as an additional grade/capacity. In

accordance with Regulation III/5, of the Convention an Able Seafarer Engine who is the holder of a valid Certificate of Proficiency can take the position of Rating forming part of a Navigational Watch (Regulation III/4) indicated on the MSM Certificate. This Administration will accept Watch Keeping Deck Ratings limited to Regulation III/4 instead of Able Seafarer Deck under Regulation III/5, if they have served in relevant capacities, for a period of not less than 12 months within the last 60 months. The new capacities do not affect previous capacities which were included in the STCW Convention prior to the newly adopted amendments.

c. The Electro-Technical Officer and the Electro-Technical Rating, whose standards of competence are III/6 and III/7 respectively, introduced by STCW Convention and Code, 2010 Manilla Amendments, are not mandatory to be inserted on the MSM Certificate issued by this Administration.

3. General

a. *Radio Operator:*
   i. Vessels of less than 300 Gross Tonnage should be manned with at least one Officer with Radiotelephone Restricted Operator Certificate who will be in possession of a Certificate of Competence and an Endorsement issued by the appropriate authority in compliance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.
   ii. Vessels over 300 Gross Tonnage trading within the Range of A1 area should be manned with at least one Officer with Restricted Operator Certificate, who will be in possession of a Certificate of Competence and an Endorsement issued by the appropriate authority in compliance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. Such Vessels within the Range of A1+A2 area should be manned with at least one (1) Officer with General Operator Certificate or one (1) dedicated Radio Officer with General Operator Certificate who will be in possession of a Certificate of Competence and an Endorsement issued by the appropriate authority in compliance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. Such Vessels within the range of A1+A2+A3 and A4 should be manned with at least two (2) Officers with General Operator Certificate or one (1) dedicated Radio Officer with General Operator Certificate who will be in possession of a Certificate of Competence and an Endorsement issued by the appropriate authority in compliance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

b. *Ship Security Officer:*
   i. All Vessels of 500 Gross Tonnage or more, should have on board at least one (1) Officer holding the Ship Security Officer Certificate who will be in possession of a Certificate of Endorsement issued by the appropriate authority in compliance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended and be assigned for such duties.

c. *Cook:*

i. Vessels with more than 10 persons on board should be manned with at least one (1) Cook as per Title 4 of ILO Maritime Labour Convention(MLC), 2006, as amended.

d. *Doctor:*

i. Vessels carrying 100 or more persons and ordinarily engaged on International Voyages of more than three days' duration shall carry at least one (1) qualified doctor who is responsible for providing medical care. Vessels which do not carry a medical doctor shall be required to have either at least one (1) Seafarer on board who is in charge of medical care and administering medicine as part of their regular duties or at least one (1) Seafarer on board competent to provide medical first aid as per Title 4 of ILO Maritime Labour Convention(MLC), 2006, as amended.

e. *Special Training Certificates:*

i. Master and Officers on board Tankers, Ro-Ro Passenger and Passenger Vessels and vessels using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels, shall hold Special Advanced Training Certificates that varies from type to type. Masters and Officers shall be in possession of a Certificate of Endorsement issued by the appropriate authority in compliance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. Ratings shall be holders only of their Training Certificates which are issued in accordance to the STCW Convention and Code, 2010 Manilla Amendments.

4. The above policy will enter into effect as of 2nd November 2017.

For additional information please contact SLMARAD at info@slmarad.com

Revision Status

Date	Revision	Comments - Changes
11/01/2017	0	Initial – Adopted
02/11/2017	1	Amended to match Manila Amendments. MSM table removed. Corrected references.