

## **MARINE NOTICE NO.5-2017**

**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, MASTERS,  
AND SEAFARERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT:** Drug and Alcohol Limits Notice to all Ship owners, Employers, Ship masters and Seafarers as per STCW Code A- VIII/1.10

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### **Reference**

Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping Convention, 1978 as Amended and STCW Code Section A-VIII/1.10

### **PURPOSE**

This Marine Notice is to remind seafarers of their responsibility with regard to the consumption of alcohol and the potential effects on performance when prescribed medication and/or 'over the counter' drugs are taken.

### **Requirement**

Seafarers, whilst on board a ship, should remain capable at all times of performing any duty which may properly be required of them. This is particularly important on a ship, where an emergency may arise at any time requiring action by the crew.

### **Alcohol limits for seafarers**

1. No seafarers at any time shall operate any ships equipment or take over watch when under the influence of alcohol and consumption of alcohol also totally prohibited while on watch duty.
  2. The Alcohol limit 0.05% and an alcohol in the breath limit of 0.25mg/l that is set out by the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended and STCW Code , Regulation VIII/1.10 applies to all Seychellois seafarers and Seafarer working in ships registered by Seychelles.
  3. All ships registered by Seychelles operating locally or internationally will need to ensure their crews are aware of, and comply with, the new alcohol limits. It is recommended that in company alcohol policies, the new STCW limit is used.
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The table below sets out the STCW Alcohol limit.

<b>Alcohol Limit</b>	<b>STCW Regulation VIII/1.10</b>	
In the blood	0.05% blood alcohol content	50mg of alcohol in 100ml
In the breath	0.25mg/l	25microgrammes of alcohol in 100ml

4. Alcohol beverages issued onboard Seychelles' ships shall be strictly controlled and regulated by the Master for consumption in line with applicable coastal/ port state requirement.
5. No alcohol drinks shall be carried on board Seychelles registered ships by seafarers in their respective cabins in all port of the Islamic state countries.
6. Shipping companies shall carry alcohol testing kit onboard their ships and the master shall perform an alcohol test at any randomly chosen time and after any accident related to human error. The record shall be kept for verification.
7. Shipping companies operating tanker ships shall follow industrial regulations set by OCIMF and monitor their seafarers through regular examinations for drug and alcohol abuse. Such examinations shall be conducted by fully trained and authorized examiners/practitioners.

### **Drug limits for seafarers**

8. Ethiopian seafarers or any Seafarer on employed in any Ethiopian ship shall refrain from use, carriage, possession, trafficking or sale of illicit or un-prescribed controlled and any form of drugs on board ship they are employed.

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### **Violations**

9. Seafarers found to be under the influence of alcohol or any other drug (whether medicinal or otherwise) that impairs them to such an extent that their capacity to carry out their duties as master or seafarer may be guilty of an offence leading to Certificate:-
  - 1) Cancellation; or
  - 2) Suspending it until specified conditions are met; or
  - 3) Imposing restrictions on its use until specified conditions are met.