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EVALUATION OF DECK OFFICER APPLICATION FOR ECDIS

-Marshall Island Marine Safety Advisory No.19-12

The Office of The Maritime Administrator of Marshall Island (“the Administrator”) issued the Marine Safety Advisory No.19-12 to regional marine safety offices, nautical inspectors, masters and owners/agents to specify the evaluation requirements for deck officer’s application for ECDIS. CCS auditors should pay attention to this notice when representing the Administrator to conduct inspection and audit, and should also remind the Marshall-flagged companies and vessels to be fully in compliance with the requirements of this notice.

Pursuant to Regulation I/15 of the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code, IMO circular STCW.7/Circ.16, and IMO circular STCW.7/Circ.17 the for Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator(the“Administrator”) has established the following policy and procedure:

1. Requests for endorsements of Certificates of Competence (CoC) for all deck officers will be initially evaluated for training in operation of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) as required by the Manila Amendments to STCW, which entered into force on 1 January 2012;
2. Certificates for Receipt of Application (CRAs) may be initially issued without a limitation referencing ECDIS training and operation;
3. If applications do not contain evidence of ECDIS qualifications as required and outlined in Marine Safety Advisory (MSA) No. 6-12, the endorsement to the officer’s CoC issued by the Administrator will contain a limitation as follows:
 - a. Certificates will be endorsed with a limitation for vessels not equipped with ECDIS; or

- b. At the request of the applicant or assigned agent, and if qualified in accordance with transitional provisions of STCW Regulation I/15, a certificate may be endorsed with a limitation stating that it was issued in compliance with STCW '95 requirements. Such certificates cannot be valid beyond 31 December 2016.

Additional information regarding ECDIS requirements and the issuance of RMI documentation can be found in publication MI-118, *Requirements for Seafarer Certification* and MSA 6-12, both of which can be found on our website at www.register-iri.com.

Requirements:

Upon the receipt of this circular, CCS auditors should be recognized in line with the requirements of Section 1 or 2 of the above RMI circular when verifying the CoC for deck officers. If requirement 1 or 2 is not satisfied, section 3 requirement will be applied.

Attachment: Marshall Island Marine Safety Advisory No.19-12, total 1 page

For any question please contact the Certification Management Dept. of CCS Headquarters without hesitation.
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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 19-12

To: Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, Owners/Agents

Subject: EVALUATION OF DECK OFFICER APPLICATIONS FOR ECDIS

Date: 8 March 2012

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