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The Requirement for the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency for Ship Security Officers (SSO)

——The Maritime Authority of Jamaica Circular (12-07-13)

The Maritime Authority of Jamaica released the Circular (12-07-13) . The purpose of this Circular is to clarify the policy of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) relative to the issue/endorsement of Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) for Ship Security Officer (SSO) serving on Jamaican flagged ships. All parties concerned should act according to the requirements of this Circular and CCS auditors should be in a position to timely acknowledge these instructions, and also pay attention to the implementation of necessary arrangements to ensure compliance with these requirements without delay.

Attachment: The Maritime Authority of Jamaica Circular (12-07-13)

<p>For any problem please contact the Certification Management Dept. of CCS Headquarters without hesitation</p>
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TO: All Shipowners
Operators
Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships
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1.0 PURPOSE


This notice provides clarification on the policy of the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) relative to the issue/endorsement of Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) for Ship Security Officer (SSO) serving on Jamaican flagged ships.

2.0 REQUIREMENT

2.1 Chapter VI of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 (STCW) was amended with effect from 1st January 2008 with a new Regulation VI/5 requiring all persons designated as SSO to be issued with a CoP.

2.2 The amended regulations require that every candidate for a CoP as SSO:

- has approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations; and
- meets the standard of competence for certification of proficiency as SSO, set out in section A-VI/5, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code.

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3.0 ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

3.1 It is reminded that persons designated as a ship security officer on a Jamaican flagged ship shall have a certificate of proficiency as evidence of their competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities under A-VI/5 of the STCW Code.

3.2 In this regard, the Maritime Authority of Jamaica will issue certificates of proficiency to persons to serve in the capacity of SSO, who have:

3.2.1 approved seagoing service of not less than twelve (12) months; and


3.2.2 successfully completed training meeting the requirements of Regulation A-VI/5, at:

3.2.2.1 a maritime training institution approved by the MAJ; or

3.2.2.2 a maritime training institution which has been approved by a State with which Jamaica has an Agreement of Recognition; or

3.2.2.3 an institution or organization recognized by the MAJ for the purpose of maritime security training.

3.3 The MAJ will also accept only CoP issued by the Administration of countries which are confirmed on the IMO “White List” of countries as having given full and complete effect to the STCW Convention as amended, and with which Jamaica has an Agreement of Recognition.

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3.4 There is no requirement for a Flag State Endorsement (in accordance with regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention as amended) to be issued with respect to an SSO Certificate of Proficiency. Notwithstanding, where requested by owners/managers, the MAJ will recognize a valid SSO certificate of proficiency complying with Regulation VI/5 and will issue the respective Jamaican SSO endorsement, if the certificate was issued by an Administration as indicated in para 3.3.

4.0 APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

4.1 All persons meeting the requirements in section 3.2 above may apply to the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) for the issue of a CoP as SSO.

4.2 The applicant shall complete the relevant application form which can be obtained from the offices of the MAJ, 2nd Floor Office Centre Building, 12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston or download from our website at www.jamaicaships.com. The completed application form should be submitted along with the following:

- 4.2.1 Documentary evidence of at least twelve (12) months seagoing service;
- 4.2.2 Documentary evidence satisfying the standards of competence specified in STCW Code Section A-VI/5, in the form of a certificate of training or organization indicated in paragraph 3.2.2 above;
- 4.2.3 Applicable fee; and
- 4.2.4 Supporting documentation indicated on the Application Form.

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5.0 APPLICATION FOR AN ENDORSEMENT OF RECOGNITION

- 5.1 Persons to be engaged on a Jamaican flag ship as and SSO and meeting the requirements of section 3.3 above may apply to the Maritime Authority of Jamaica for the endorsement of their CoP.
- 5.2 The applicant shall complete the “*Application form for Obtaining a Jamaican Endorsement*” (CDFM08) which can be obtained from the offices of the MAJ, 2nd Floor The Office Centre Building, 12 Ocean Boulevard, Kingston, Jamaica or download from website at www.jamaicaships.com.

6.0 FEES

- 6.1 The completed application forms and supporting documentation may be submitted directly to:

The Maritime Authority of Jamaica
2nd Floor, The Office Centre Building,
12 Ocean Boulevard
Kingston,
Jamaica, W.I.
Tel: (876) 967-1060-5, 967-1087
Fax: (876) 922-5765
E-mail: customerservice@jamaicaships.com

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6.2 The fees for SSO certificates and endorsements are the same as for other Maritime Authority of Jamaica Certificates and Recognition of Endorsements. Payment should be made as indicated below:

Clients Outside Jamaica

Payments may be wired to
Jamaica Money Market Brokers Ltd.
A/C # 36022703,
Citibank N.A., 111 Wall Street N.Y.
SWIFT Code CITIUS33,
ABA' 21000089.
Please also enter the following remark
For further credit to Account No. 22606324, MAJ, Kingston

Clients within Jamaica

Payments may be wired to the
Name of Company Maritime Authority of Jamaica,
Name of Bank Bank of Nova Scotia,
Address 2 Knutsford Boulevard,
Kingston 5,
Jamaica W.I.
Accounts Number US\$ A/C # 505774993
JMD\$ A/C 7616-18
ABA Routing # CJM KN Branch 50575