



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Liberia marine operations note on 2010 Manila amendments to STCW convention and code.

1. The 2010 Manila Amendments to STCW Convention require seafarers to carry certificates and flag endorsements meeting the 2010 amendments to STCW Convention w.e.f 1 January 2017.
2. Based on IMO MSC.1/Circ.1560 and Considering that not all seafarers are able to obtain certificates and/or necessary endorsements required for meeting the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention Liberian Maritime Authority has issued marine operations note 01/2017 (copy attached) advising on implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code.
3. Salient point of the note are as follows:
 - This Administration has authorized officers and ratings that had national certificates that complied with the STCW requirements in force immediately before 1 January 2017, but were not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, to continue to serve, until 1 July 2017 with their valid National Certificates.
 - Liberian endorsements that were issued based on seafarer's national certificates will continue to remain valid, until the certificate-issuing Party/National Administration issues a certificate meeting the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention.
 - Recognized organizations that are authorized to conduct ISM Code certification on behalf of Liberian administration are advised to inform the Administration, if a seafarer's documentation is not in accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, when assessing compliance with the provisions of the ISM Code.
4. Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. Liberia Maritime Authority Marine Operations Note 01/2017 on implementation of 2010 Manila Amendments to STCW Convention and Code



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