

Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Panama circular on 2010 Manila Amendments to STCW convention.

- The 2010 Manila amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention) requires seafarers to carry appropriate certificates and flag endorsements meeting the 2010 amendments to STCW Convention w.e.f 1 January 2017.
- New standards of the competences and certificates as per these amendments are as follows:
 - 1. Electro-technical Officer. (Regulation III/6)
 - 2. Electro-technical Rating. (Regulation III/7)
 - 3. Able Seafarer Deck. (Regulation II/5)
 - 4. Able Seafarer Engine. (Regulation III/5)
- Non-compliance with these amendments may result in detention of ships by Port State Control and same was communicated by the Panama Maritime Authority through circular no. DGGM-UCYC-053-2016 dated 23rd Dec 2016.
- In order to emphasis on above and provide more clarification; Administration has issued a merchant marine circular- 235.
- Administration has reminded that the corporation/company is responsible for appointing seafarers on their vessels that are complying with the requirements of convention with respect to standards of competences and hold appropriate certificates.
- Ship owners / operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. Panama Merchant Marine Circular MMC-235.



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