



Technical Circular

No.: 030/2022

Date: 12th April 2022

Subject: GOI - Continued Professional Competence of seafarers in possession of Certificate of Competency of the Nautical discipline.

1. MS STCW Rule 2014, sub Rule 14(4) states that for the purpose of updating the knowledge of masters, officers and radio operators, the companies shall ensure that the texts of recent changes in national and international regulations concerning the safety of life at sea, security and the protection of the marine environment are made available to ships.
2. The Directorate vide NT/Exam Circular No.01 of 2018 had issued clarification in this regard stating that there is no requirement for candidates in possession of COCs issued or upgraded under STCW 2010 amendment to mandatorily undergo a revalidation course, or Refresher and updating training course for revalidation of Certificate of Competency and placed the responsibility of providing recent changes in National & International regulations concerning safety of life at sea, security and protection of marine environment on Shipping Companies.
3. Further to above, Indian Administration vide M.S. Notice No. 04 of 2022 has now provided following requirements:
 - a. All companies providing information regarding recent changes in national and international regulations as per MS STCW Rule 14(4) are required to issue a certificate of Continued Professional Competence to the Seafarers in the format as per Annex to MS Notice No. 04 of 2022.
 - b. Seafarers of such companies need to have at least two such certificates of Continued Professional Competence in 5 year period.
 - c. All CoC holders of nautical discipline not having such certificate of Continued Professional Competence from any company are required to attend at least two seminars in period of 5 years, conducted by professional bodies like CMMI, IMEI, MTIs, INSA or other maritime information service providers on latest changes and development in national and international regulations concerning maritime matters.
 - d. These certificates of Continuous Professional Competence shall be required to be submitted during revalidation of Certificate of Competency (COC) of the Nautical discipline from 01.04.2023 onwards.



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4. Ship owners/ operators and seafarers holding Indian COCs are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. MSN No. 04 of 2022

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MSN no. 04 of 2022

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Date: 04.04.2022

Sub: Continued Professional Competence of seafarers in possession of Certificate of Competency of the nautical discipline - reg.

1. Continued Professional Competence is required to be maintained by seafarers holding Certificate of Competency (COC) at all times. Continued Professional Competence (CPC) is established as per (section – A-I/11) of STCW Convention. Based on the Continued Professional Competence being established, Certificates of Competency are re-validated as per the regulation of 1/II of the STCW Convention and Rule 14 of MS STCW Rules 2014.

2. The Directorate had issued clarification with regard to “Revalidation of Certificate of Competency of nautical discipline issued under the provisions of the STCW Convention” vide NT/Exam Circular no. 01 of 2018 dated 13.02.2018 (File no. NT/COC/3(1)/2018). The said circular clarified that there is no requirement for candidates in possession of COCs issued or upgraded under STCW 2010 amendment to mandatorily undergo a revalidation course, or Refresher and updating training course for revalidation of Certificate of Competency as sub rule (4) of Rule 14 MS STCW 2014, places the responsibility of providing recent changes in national & International regulations concerning safety of life at sea, security and protection of marine environment on shipping companies. The said Rule 14(4) is as follows.

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For the purpose of updating the knowledge of masters, officers and radio operators, the companies shall ensure that the texts of recent changes in national and international regulations concerning the safety of life at sea, security and the protection of the marine environment are made available to ships.

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3. As required by Rule 14(4) of the M.S STCW Rules 2014, many companies are ensuring that texts of recent changes are provided to seafarers for updating their knowledge. However, such companies may not be providing any document, or certificate regarding the same to the seafarers. In addition, there may be companies that may not be providing such texts to seafarers for updating their knowledge.

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4. To ensure that continued professional competences is maintained by all CoC holders of nautical discipline, all companies providing information regarding recent changes in national and international are required to issue certificate of Continued Professional Competence to the seafarer as given in the Annex. Seafarers of such companies need to have at least two such certificates of Continued Professional Competence in 5 year period which covers latest developments in IMO, ILO & other international maritime bodies.
5. All CoC holders of nautical discipline not having such certificates of Continued Professional Competence from any company are required to attend at least two seminars in period of 5 years conducted by professional bodies like CMMI, IMEI, MTIs, INSA or other maritime information service providers on latest changes and development in national and international regulations concerning maritime matters [IMO, ILO and other international maritime bodies].
6. Shipping companies, professional bodies, maritime information service providers and MTIs providing such information to mariners are required to provide a certificate in the format given in Annex to this notice. These certificates of **Continuous Professional Competence** shall be required to be submitted during revalidation of Certificate of Competency (COC) of the Nautical discipline from 01.04.2023 onwards.
7. This is issued with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master and Mates and Nautical Advisor to Government of India (i/c).



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Certificate of Continued Professional Competence

Annex:

ADDRESS and Contact details of Organization Conducting

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Certificate No: _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT *[full name of candidate]*

Date of Birth

Holder of C.D.C. No.: Passport No.

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Certificate of Competency/Proficiency Grade :No.

Indian National Data base (INDoS No.)

Attended the seminar on the following topics:

1. MSC
2. MEPC
3. LEG
4. ILO
5. Others

held on....., At

This seminar meets the requirements laid down in NT/EXAM Circular No. ____ of ____ dated ____ by the Directorate General of Shipping.

Signature of Candidate

Name and Signature of
Authorized Person/Training-In-Charge

Date of Issue: _____