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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED**

**Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification
and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, confirmed by
the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which
demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the
relevant provisions of the Convention**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its 101st session (5 to 14 June 2019), received a report by the Secretary-General pursuant to regulation I/7, paragraph 2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention), 1978, as amended. The report was in respect of one STCW Party, the information of which had not been fully evaluated previously. A list of the STCW Party, which had communicated information that demonstrated that it was giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention at that session of the Committee, together with those which had been confirmed at previous sessions, is set out in the annex.

2 MSC 101 noted that, in preparing the report required by STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 2, the Secretary-General had solicited and taken into account the views of competent persons selected from the list established pursuant to paragraph 7 of section A-I/7 of the STCW Code and circulated under MSC/Circ.797, as revised from time to time.

3 In accordance with STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 3, MSC 101 confirmed one STCW Party, additional to those included in the list set out in MSC/Circ.1163/Rev.11, which had communicated information demonstrating that it was giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended. The list in the annex contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above. The Committee noted that, as the process of communicating and evaluating information is continuing, further Parties may be added to the list in the annex at subsequent sessions.

4 The Committee draws the attention of maritime administrations, shipowners, ship operators and managers, shipmasters and other parties concerned to the following:

- .1 not all of the STCW Parties listed in the annex provide seafarer training, and some of those Parties listed may only provide a limited range of training; and

.2 the fact that a Party is listed in the annex does not relieve those concerned of their obligations under the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended.

5 As Parties are entitled to accept, in principle, certificates issued by or on behalf of STCW Parties, and a position on the list set out in the annex is one of the necessary measures used by many Administrations for the issue of endorsements in accordance with STCW regulation I/10, the attention of port State control officers is drawn to the fact that this circular was issued on 9 July 2019.

ANNEX

**PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED,
CONFIRMED BY THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE TO HAVE COMMUNICATED
INFORMATION WHICH DEMONSTRATES THAT FULL AND COMPLETE EFFECT
IS GIVEN TO THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION**

Albania	Greece	Panama
Algeria	Guatemala	Papua New Guinea
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Peru
Argentina	Hungary	Philippines (the)
Australia	Iceland	Poland
Azerbaijan	India	Portugal
Bahamas (the)	Indonesia	Qatar
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Republic of Korea (the)
Bangladesh	Ireland	Romania
Barbados	Israel	Russian Federation (the)
Belgium	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Jamaica	Samoa
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Jordan	Senegal
Brunei Darussalam	Kenya	Serbia****
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Seychelles
Cabo Verde	Kuwait	Singapore
Cambodia	Latvia	Slovakia
Canada	Lebanon	Slovenia
Chile	Liberia	Solomon Islands
China*	Libya	South Africa
Colombia	Lithuania	Spain
Comoros (the)	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
Cook Islands (the)	Madagascar	Sweden
Côte d'Ivoire	Malawi	Switzerland
Croatia	Malaysia	Syrian Arab Republic
Cuba	Maldives	Thailand
Cyprus	Malta	Togo
Czech Republic	Marshall Islands (the)	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the)	Mauritania	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark**	Mauritius	Tunisia
Dominica	Mexico	Turkey
Ecuador	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tuvalu
Egypt	Montenegro*****	Ukraine
El Salvador	Morocco	United Arab Emirates (the)
Eritrea	Mozambique	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)****
Estonia	Myanmar	United Republic of Tanzania (the)
Ethiopia	Netherlands (the)***	United States (the)
Fiji	New Zealand	Uruguay
Finland	Nigeria	Vanuatu
France	Norway	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Georgia	Oman	Viet Nam
Germany	Pakistan	
Ghana	Palau	

* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO).

** Includes: Faroes (Associate Member to the IMO).

*** Includes: Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

**** Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and Isle of Man.

***** Part of the former Yugoslavia. As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.