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“All-in-one Certificate Booklet for CoCs and CoPs to be issued in December 2015 together with an efficient verification system”

Applicable to: Ship masters, seafarers, maritime institutions, shipowners and Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services (SRPS) companies.

All-in-one Certificate Booklet

1. Pursuant to the STCW Convention Regulation I/2, Certificates of competency including certificates of proficiency and ancillary certificates will be issued by the Department of Marine Administration for Myanmar seafarers.
2. In view of that, CoC Booklet for masters and officers and CoP Booklet for ratings will be issued to Myanmar seafarers in the form of “All-in-one” single booklet from December 2015 for more convenience and compact. A **CoC booklet** includes Certificate of Competency, GoC if any, together with supporting documents and certificates of proficiency that are suffixing to the single booklet. Similarly, a **CoP booklet** includes all certificates of proficiency and ancillary certificates compiled into a single one.

Quick Response (QR) Code System

3. In order to maintain an electronic register and to make available information for verification of the authenticity of all those certificates are required to be available prior to 1 January 2017. In addition to that, as required by the STCW Regulation I/5, to establish and enforce appropriate measures to prevent fraudulent certificates and other unlawful practices, the efficient verification from the database system will be activated for every all-in-one booklet. There will be printed Quick Response (QR) Code on the first page of all-in-one single booklet which can be read by an imaging device (such as a QR Code scanner, Smartphone reader, etc.). These devices support URL redirection, which allows QR codes to activate web-search then quick response to verify whether the certificate is genuine.

Departure Verification Scheme

4. Furthermore, for every Myanmar seafarer leaving for serving on board, departure verification scheme has been introduced on trial basis from November 2015. This scheme will commence on 1 January 2016. It enables the registered Seafarer Recruitment and Placement

Services (SRPS) Companies to be able to ensure that a Myanmar seafarer who is going to serve on board a ship has held valid certificates (including medical certificates) in terms of authenticity as well as the capacity meeting the requirements upon his intended rank and position prior to joining on board the ship. This means that online departure report system for all Myanmar seafarers before leaving Myanmar on or after 1 January 2016 must take into account passing the departure verification scheme.

5. The existing seafarer's certificates, CoCs, CoPs and ancillary certificates, and medical certificates will remain valid until its expiry date.



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