

	<b>MARITIME AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA</b>  <b>ISSUANCE AND VALIDITY OF  CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY</b> <b>STCW 95 : REG. II/3 AND REG. III/3</b>	Circular No.	12-02-02	P
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**TO:**

- (I) ALL SHIP OWNERS
- (II) ALL MANAGERS
- (III) ENGINEER OFFICERS
- (IV) DECK OFFICERS

**SUBJECT:**

Applications for Certificates of Competency Reg. II/3 and Reg. III/3.

**REFERENCES:**

1. The Shipping Act, 1998
2. Shipping (Training, Certification, Safe Manning , Hours of Work and Watch - keeping ) Regulations, 1998
3. STCW Convention and Code

**APPLICATION:**

In accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (STCW 95) and the Shipping (Training, Certification, Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watch-keeping) Regulations, 1998 (the Certification Regulations), officers serving onboard a Jamaican ship are required to hold a Certificate of Competency (CoC) which is appropriate for the capacity in which he is serving on board the ship.

All holders of CoC's issued in accordance with Reg. II/1 and Reg. III/1 of STCW 95 who require management level CoC's issued in accordance with Reg. II/2 and Reg.II/3 (Master and Deck Department) and Reg. III/2 and Reg.III/3 (Engine Department) are required to successfully complete the course components outlined in Tables A-II/2, A-II/3, A-III/2 and AIII/3 respectively of STCW 95, **in addition to** approved seagoing service and an oral examination.

Having regard to the new amendments to STCW 95 which came into force on January 1, 2012 commonly known as the 'Manila Amendments', the Certificates of Competence issued pursuant to the above-mentioned course will meet the requirements of the Manila Amendments.

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Information on the delivery of the above-mentioned courses will be made available on or before March 1, 2012.



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