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TO:

- I) OWNERS, OPERATORS AND MASTERS OF JAMAICAN REGISTERED VESSELS**
- II) SEAFARERS HOLDING JAMAICAN CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AND CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY**
- III) MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTES APPROVED BY MARITIME AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA**

SUBJECT: Revalidation of Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) under the 2010 Manila amendments- New requirements

NOTE: Supersedes all previous guidance on this topic

**REFERENCES: STCW 1978, AS AMENDED BY 2010 MANILA AMENDMENTS,
 Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ)- Policies for the Examination and Certification of Seafarer's- Revised 2013/Rev.03**

Introduction:

The STCW convention 1978 as amended by the 2010 Manila amendments entered into force on 1 January 2012. Transitional provisions under regulation I/15 allowed administrations to issue, recognize and endorse certificates in accordance with the provisions of the Convention which applied immediately prior to 1 January 2012, in respect of those seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service, an approved education and training programme or an approved training course before 1 July 2013.

All Seafarers who require their certificates to be valid beyond 31 December 2016 must meet the new requirements of the 2010 Manila amendments.

Until 1 January 2017, the Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) will continue to renew and revalidate certificates and endorsements in accordance with the provisions of the convention which applied immediately prior to 1 January 2012. The validity of these certificates will expire by 31 December 2016.

New Requirements:

2010 Manila amendments introduces a number of important changes to each chapter of the STCW Convention and

Code, Including:

- New requirements relating to training in modern technology(e.g ECDIS) -Table A II/1, II/2, II/3
- New requirements for training in leadership, management and teamwork- Table A-II/1, II/2, III/1, III/2, III/6
- New requirements for security training, including piracy awareness-All Seafarers
- New requirements for marine awareness environment awareness training-All seafarers
- New training and certification requirements for electro -technical officers and ratings- Table A-III/6, III/7
- New certification requirements for able seafarers(Deck and Engine)- Table A II/5, III/5
- New training guidance for personnel serving on board ships in polar waters
- New training guidance for personnel operating Dynamic Positioning systems
- Inclusion of modern training methods introducing web based learning and e learning.
- Improved measures to prevent fraudulent practices associated with CoCs

Application:

- To all seafarers holding Jamaican CoCs issued under STCW'95 requiring revalidation of their Certificate of Competency (CoCs) and Proficiency (CoPs) for validity beyond 31 December 2016.
- All seafarers who commenced approved sea going service, an approved education and training programme or an approved training course prior to 1 July 2013.

Training requirements:

Deck Certificate of Competency revalidation (STCW II/1, II/2, II/3):

STCW II/1: The 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW code introduces the following new competence requirement for deck officers working on board ships:

- Use of ECDIS to maintain the safety of navigation
- Application of leadership and team working skills
- Contribute to the safety of personnel and ship

Seafarers requiring revalidation of CoCs for the STCW Reg. II/1(Officer in charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more) must provide documentary proof of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-1, Table-1

STCW II/2: The 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW code introduces the following new competence requirement for deck officers working on board ships:

- Maintain the safety of navigation through the use of ECDIS and associated navigation systems to assist command decision making
- Use of leadership and managerial skill

Seafarers requiring revalidation of their CoCs for the STCW Reg. II/2(certification of masters and chief mates on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more) must provide documentary proof as required under section STCW II/1 for operational officers as above, however the training required for Use of Leadership and Managerial skills should be at the management level and training for security duties must be a Ship Security Officer training.

Seafarers requiring revalidation of CoCs for the STCW Reg. II/2 certification of masters and chief mates on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more) must provide documentary proof of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-1, Table-2

STCW II/3: The 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW code introduces the following new competence requirement for deck officers working on board ships:

- Contribute to the safety of personnel and ship
- Training and assessment in the use of ECDIS is not required for those who serve exclusively on ships not fitted with ECDIS. This limitation will be shown on the CoC. Seafarers who wish to remove this limitation must complete ECDIS training course approved by MAJ.

Seafarers requiring revalidation of their CoCs for the STCW grade II/3(Officers in charge of a navigational watch and for masters on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near-coastal voyages) must provide documentary proof of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-1, Table-3.

Engineering Certificate of Competency revalidation (STCW III/1, III/2, III/3):

The 2010 Manila amendments introduces the new competence requirements and the additional STCW 2010 requirements for engineering certification relating to the following area of syllabus:

- Operate electrical, electronic and control systems
- Operational/Management (leadership and teamwork skills)
- Appreciation of system drawings(Controls, hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, pipe work, technical)
- High Voltage competencies for all officers

STCW III/1: Seafarer's requiring revalidation of their CoCs STCW Reg.III/1(Officers in charge of an engineering watch in a manned-engine room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned-engine room) must provide documentary proof of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-2, Table-1.

STCW III/2: Seafarer's requiring revalidation of their CoCs STCW Reg.III/2 (Chief Engineer Officers & Second Engineer Officers on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3,000kW power or more) must provide documentary proof of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-2, Table-2.

STCW III/3: Seafarers requiring revalidation of their CoCs for the grade STCW III/3(Chief engineer officers and second engineer officers on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750kW and 3,000kW propulsion power) must provide documentary evidence of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-2, Table-3.

Ratings forming a part of Navigational or Engine-Room watch (STCW II/4 or III/4):

The 2010 Manila amendments requires revalidation every 5 years for the following Certificates of Proficiency:

- Basic training (STCW, Reg.-VI/1-1 and VI/1-2)
- Survival crafts, rescue boat and fast rescue boats (STCW, Reg.- VI/2)
- Advanced firefighting (STCW , Reg.-VI/3)

Seafarers requiring to revalidate their CoPs for the Reg. STCW II/4 or III/4 (Ratings forming a part of navigational or engine-room watch) must provide documentary evidence of having completed training requirements as listed under ANNEX-3, Table-1.

New Certificates of Competency (STCW III/6- Electro-technical officers) and Proficiency (II/5-Able seafarer deck, III/5-Able seafarer engine, III/7- Electro-technical rating):

The 2010 Manila amendments introduces above new CoC and CoP's.

Seafarers wanting to upgrade their CoP's from STCW II/4 or III/4 to STCW II/5 or III/5 must provide documentary evidence having completed training requirements as listed under:

ANNEX-2, Table-4 for STCW III/6-Electro technical Officers,

ANNEX-3, Table-2 for STCW II/5-Ratings forming a part of navigational watch and III/5- Ratings forming a part of engine-room watch and

ANNEX-3, Table-3 for STCW III/7- Electro-technical ratings.

MAJ RECOGNIZED/APPROVED TRAINING INSTITUTES:

Maritime Authority of Jamaica (MAJ) recognized training means, training obtained from an MAJ recognized or approved (approved by MAJ or UK approved by MCA) training institute with approval for the respective.

MAJ recognizes training courses which it approves or which are approved by the UK Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA).

Tanker Endorsement Requirements:

The 2010 Manila amendments define continued professional competence for seafarers revalidating tanker endorsements under regulation I/11 as:

Approved sea going service, performing duties appropriate to the tanker certificate or endorsement held, for a period of at least 3 months in total in the preceding 5 years; or successfully completing an approved training course or courses.

Therefore seafarers requiring tanker endorsements on their CoCs to be valid beyond 31 December 2016, must provide documentary evidence of having maintained continued professional competence by completing the Tanker service testimonial indicating participation in the loading/discharging operations or evidence of relevant refresher training from an MAJ recognized/approved training institute or onboard re-training.

Certificate of proficiency or endorsement to a Certificate of Competency for Masters and officers on Oil, Chemical and liquefied gas tankers are required to undertake refresher training every 5 years.

Sea Time Requirements:

The 2010 Manila amendments allow Certificates of Competency to be revalidated if the seafarer has approved sea going service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held for a period of at least:

1. Twelve (12) months in total during the preceding five (5) years, or
2. Three (3) months in total during the preceding six (6) months immediately prior to revalidating.

Validity Periods:

The 2010 Manila amendments allow an application for revalidation of a Certificate of Competency (CoC) to be made within six (6) months of the certificate expiry date to be revalidated until the 5th anniversary of the certificate expiry date. Providing the current revalidating requirements are met, certificates of Competency received for revalidation within a period of six (6) months prior to expiring shall be revalidated until the 5th anniversary of the current CoC expiry date. Certificates received outside of this six (6) months period will be revalidated for 5 years from the date of revalidation.

It is the responsibility of the individual seafarer to ensure that the required Certificate of Proficiencies related to a particular Certificate of Competency remains valid for the duration of the validity of the CoC.

Security Awareness (STCW Table A-VI/6-1) and Designated Security Duties (STCW Table A-VI/6-2):

All seafarers are required to hold MAJ recognized training in Security Awareness or Designated Security Duties from 01 July 2015, therefore any CoCs and CoPs submitted for revalidation beyond 01 July 2015, must provide supporting evidence of having completed MAJ recognized training in Security Awareness and Designated

Security Duties, or MAJ recognized training in Ship Security Officer (STCW Table A-VI/5).

Mandatory minimum requirements for all Seafarers engaged on Jamaican registered vessels:

1. Seafarers employed or engaged on board ship on the business of that ship as part of the ship's complement with designated safety of pollution-prevention duties in the operation of the ship shall before being assigned to any shipboard duties:

Shall receive MAJ approved basic training in:

- Personal survival techniques as set out in STCW table A-VI/1-1,
- Fire prevention and fire-fighting as set out in STCW table A-VI/1-2,
- Elementary first aid as set out in STCW table A-VI/1-3
- Personal safety and social responsibility as set out in STCW table A-VI/1-4

2. Seafarers employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship which is required to comply with the provisions of ISPS code on the business of that ship as part of ship's complement without designated security duties shall, before being assigned to any shipboard duties:

- Shall receive MAJ approved training or instruction in security awareness as set out in STCW table A-VI/6-1

3. Every seafarer who is designated to perform security duties, including anti-piracy and ant-armed robbery-related activities:

- shall be required to demonstrate competence to undertake the task, duties and responsibilities as listed in column 1, STCW table VI/6-2.

NB: Support and Operation level Seafarer's must hold a Security Awareness and Designated Security Duties Certificate and Management staff must hold a Ship Security Officer Certificate.

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