Circular 142 / 2016

To: Seafarers, Masters, Crewing Agents, Managers, and Owners

Subject: Paris MoU Inspection of Seafarer Certification after 1 January 2017

Date: 17 January 2017

Summary

Paris MoU has issued the circular below concerning the approach of PSCOs during the verification of Seafarer Certification concerning the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments on the STCW Convention -

Certification for seafarers is verified during each PSC inspection. On 1 January 2017 new STCW requirements enter into force and seafarers may need new certificates.

In line with a recommendation from the International Maritime Organization (MSC.1/Circ.1560), the Paris MoU has agreed on a harmonized approach.

In cases where a seafarer’s documentation complied with the requirements in force immediately before 1 January 2017, but was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, PSCOs should take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections until 1 July 2017.

When a deficiency is found this will not result in the ship being detained.

However, a deficiency may be recorded and the master will be instructed to rectify the deficiency before 1 July 2017.

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