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TO ALL SOUTH AFRICAN SEAFARERS

THE STCW "WHITE LIST"

The Maritime Safety Committee ("MSC") of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 73rd Session held in London during the months of November/December 2000, adopted the report of the Secretary-General confirming that South Africa, pursuant to Regulation I/7, paragraph 2 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention), as amended by the 1995 London Conference, has demonstrated that it is giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention.

In addition, the MSC confirmed that 71 other countries had also demonstrated that they were giving full and complete effect to the Convention.

In accordance with STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 3, MSC 75 confirmed further STCW Parties, additional to those listed in MSC/Circ.1018, which had communicated information demonstrating that they were giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, as amended. The list at annexure 1 contains those STCW Parties confirmed by the Committee at its seventy-third, seventy-fourth, first extraordinary and seventy-fifth sessions. The Committee noted that, as the process of communicating and evaluating information is continuing, further Parties may be added to the list at annex at subsequent meetings.

Note that 108 Parties now appear on the "White List".

- 3 Attention is drawn to the following:
 - 3.1 not all STCW Parties listed in Annexure 1 provide seafarer training. Some may only provide a limited range of training;
 - 3.2 the listing of a country does not relieve anyone of their obligations under the STCW Convention;
 - 3.3 confirmation of the authenticity and validity of certificates and endorsements may be obtained from the certificate issuing authorities.

4 Marine Notice No 17 of 2001 and Marine Circular No 13 of 2001 are hereby cancelled.

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