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**Applicable to:** Ship-owners, managers and holders of certificates of competency issued by foreign maritime administrations

**CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED BY FOREIGN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION RECOGNISED BY MPA**

1. MPA recognises certificates of competency issued by foreign maritime administrations pursuant to Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, (STCW Convention). The recognition by MPA is based on the evaluation that the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention, such as maritime training, certification and quality standards, are complied with by the foreign maritime administration and an undertaking has been agreed with the administration.
2. MPA recognises certificates of competency issued by maritime administrations of the countries listed in the Annex.
3. This circular supersedes MPA Shipping Circular no. 2 of 2016, dated 5 Jan 2016.
4. Any query relating to this circular should be directed to Training Standards Department at Tel 6375 6222 or at [coc@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:coc@mpa.gov.sg).

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**Parties to the International Convention on  
Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978, as Amended,  
Which Countries Certificates are recognised for service on Singapore registered ships**

1	ARGENTINA	21	FINLAND	41	MALAYSIA	61	SWEDEN
2	AUSTRALIA	22	FRANCE	42	MALTA	62	THAILAND
3	AZERBAIJAN	23	GEORGIA	43	MEXICO	63	TURKEY
4	BAHAMAS	24	GERMANY	44	MYANMAR	64	TUNISIA
5	BANGLADESH	25	GHANA	45	NETHERLANDS	65	UKRAINE
6	BELGIUM	26	GREECE	46	NEW ZEALAND	66	UNITED KINGDOM
7	BRAZIL	27	HUNGARY	47	NORWAY	67	UNITED STATES
8	BULGARIA	28	CHINA (HONG KONG SAR)	48	PAKISTAN	68	VIET NAM
9	CANADA	29	ICELAND	49	PANAMA <sup>1</sup>	69	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
10	CHILE	30	INDIA	50	PAPUA NEW GUINEA		*****
11	CHINA	31	INDONESIA	51	PHILIPPINES		
12	CROATIA	32	IRELAND	52	POLAND		
13	CYPRUS	33	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	53	PORTUGAL		
14	CZECH REPUBLIC	34	ITALY	54	ROMANIA		
15	DENMARK	35	JAMAICA	55	RUSSIAN FEDERATION		
16	DPR OF KOREA	36	JAPAN	56	SLOVAK REPUBLIC		
17	EGYPT	37	JORDAN	57	SLOVENIA	<sup>1</sup> Limited to Panama COC holders who have completed preparatory Courses for obtaining CoC from (1) Universidad Maritima Internacional De Panama (UMIP) or (2) Columbus University, Facultad De Ciencias Marinas Y Tecnologicas. Certificates from the above institutes must be submitted together with COC when applying for COE.	
18	ESTONIA	38	KOREA, REP OF	58	SOUTH AFRICA		
19	ETHIOPIA	39	LATVIA	59	SPAIN		
20	FIJI	40	LITHUANIA	60	SRI LANKA		