



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, AS AMENDED

### **Merchant Shipping Notice No.129**

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,  
Masters, Owners' representatives and Recognised Organisations  
This Notice should be read in conjunction with MS Notices No. 92 & 109.*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate draws the attention of all concerned that the transition period for the entry into force of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention will end on 31 December 2016.

#### **Revalidation of Maltese Certificates of Competency (COC)**

In order for officers to revalidate a Maltese COC, in addition to the valid ancillary documents as highlighted in MS Notice 109, the following documents are required:

##### **Deck officers must:**

- a) Have successfully completed a programme of training in Leadership and Teamwork and present documentary evidence issued by or under the authority of a Party to the STCW Convention to that effect;
- b) Have generic training in Electronic Charts Display Information Systems (ECDIS) and present documentary evidence issued by or under the authority of a Party to the STCW Convention to that effect ; and
- c) Undergo approved refresher training to the satisfaction of this Administration to meet the competences laid down in the STCW Convention and STCW Code, as amended.

##### **Engine officers must:**

- a) Have successfully completed a programme of training in Leadership and Teamwork and present documentary evidence issued by or under the authority of a Party to the STCW Convention to that effect; and
- b) Undergo approved refresher training to the satisfaction of this Administration to meet the competences laid down in the STCW Convention and STCW Code, as amended.

It is to be further noted that for the revalidation of Maltese CoCs until 31 December 2016 the above mentioned training is not required. Officers presenting at any time the above mentioned documents may apply for a renewal of the CoC for a period not exceeding five years from the date of the previous revalidation without any additional requirement for exams and sea service.

In order to ensure the continuous uninterrupted operation of ships after 31 December 2016, ship operators and officers are urged to take all necessary steps at the earliest to revalidate Certificates of Competency in a timely manner.

#### **Recognition of non Maltese Certificates of Competence for Service on Maltese Ships**

Further to the provisions of MS Notice No. 92, all officers serving on Maltese ships should ensure that a revalidated COC is obtained from the respective competent issuing Administration by 31 December 2016.

In order to ensure that any applications for endorsement certificates may be processed by this Administration well ahead of 31 December 2016, officers and ship operators are urged to take all necessary steps at the earliest opportunity to avoid delays closer to the deadline.

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