

Kiribati Ship Registry

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MARINE CIRCULAR 32/2016

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TO : Port State Control Authorities, Ship Owners, Managers, Charterers, Ship Master and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT

PURPOSE

This Circular is to notify the shipping community on the extension of the Provisional Certificates of Endorsement (PCOE).

APPLICATION

This Marine Circular is relevant and applicable to all ship officers and radio operators issued with COC / DCE / GOC / SSO by other STCW member States serving on board Kiribati flagged vessels. *For more information on Certificates of Endorsement (COE), please refer to Registry Circular RC/5/2012, Marine Circular No.15/2012 and 30/2015.*

CONTENT

This is to notify that the transitional provisions for the 5-year phase-in period as granted under STCW Regulation I/15 (STCW 2010 Amendments) shall cease to be applicable with effect from 1 January 2017 upon the full implementation of the STCW 2010 Amendments, thereby rendering the existing STCW-95 certificates to become invalid after that date and correspondingly our existing COEs shall also expire on the same date.

In view of the above circumstances, there has been a sudden surge in the application of PCOEs for STCW certificates issued in accordance with STCW 2010 Amendments resulting in an unexpected delay in the issuance of COEs, thus requiring the PCOEs to be extended by the Kiribati Administration, which we understand may cause inconveniences to the seafarers holding such extended PCOEs on board our Kiribati vessels during Port State Control inspections.

The Kiribati Administration seeks the fullest understanding and cooperation of all Port State Control authorities and concerned parties alike to accept and recognise the extended PCOEs issued to seafarers working on board Kiribati flagged vessels due to the reasons mentioned above.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Kiribati Administration for any verification or clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar Kiribati Ship Registry