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MARINE CIRCULAR

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TO : Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Charterers, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT : Minimum Safe Manning Scale

PURPOSE

This Circular is to notify the shipping community on the revised minimum safe manning requirements in accordance with the full implementation of the STCW 2010 Amendments as from 1 January 2017.

APPLICATION

This Circular is applicable to all Kiribati manned vessels excluding fishing vessels.

CONTENT

This is to notify that in accordance with the Manila amendments to the STCW Convention and Code that has entered into force on 1 January 2012 with the 5-year phase-in period, the provisions on the certification requirements for the new grades of Able Seafarer Deck and Able Seafarer Engine shall be applicable as from 1 January 2017 and then after all seafarers are required to comply with the mandatory minimum requirements for able seafarer in accordance with the STCW Chapter II Regulation II/5 for Able Seafarer Deck or Chapter III Regulation III/5 for Able Seafarer Engine when serving on board Kiribati vessels, which will be included in the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate.

Furthermore, new competency standards and certification for Electro-Technical Officer (ETO) and Electro-Technical Rating (ETR) have been provided in the new provisions as stipulated in STCW Chapter III Regulation III/6 and III/7 respectively. All ETO and ETR shall be certificated accordingly before they are allowed to serve on board Kiribati vessels as from 1 January 2017. For ETO with Certificate of Competency issued by other Administration, they are required to be issued with Kiribati Certificate of Endorsement (COE) to be able to serve on board Kiribati vessels. Since both ETO and ETR are not mandatorily required in the minimum safe manning requirements, they are not included in the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate.

The Minimum Safe Manning Certificate shall be issued with the latest amendments upon the first renewal of the registry certificates after 1 January 2017 and not later than 31 December 2017.

This Administration urges shipowners to place a copy of this Circular on board to notify Port State Control authorities and concerned authorities of the above transitional measures that all existing valid Minimum Safe Manning Certificate on Kiribati flagged vessels, shall remain valid until the first renewal of the registry certificates after 1 January 2017 and not later than 31 December 2017 when the new Minimum Safe Manning Certificate shall be issued.

Please kindly refer to the revised minimum safe manning scale for Kiribati vessels as from 1 January 2017 in the Appendix.

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

This Circular shall revoke Marine Circular No.24/2013 as from 1 January 2017.

APPENDIX

MINIMUM SAFE MANNING SCALE

1) NAVIGATIONAL WATCHKEEPING OFFICERS AND RATINGS

GT	Minimum Qualified Officers & Ratings				Remarks
	Master	Chief Mate	Officer of Watch	Rating	
3000 & above	1(a)	1(b)	1(c)	3(d)	-
1600 – 2999	1(e)	1(f)	1(c)	3(d)	-
500 – 1599	1(e)	-	2(c)	3(d)	-
200 – 499	1(e)	-	1(c)	2(d)	For International Voyages
	1(g)	-	1(h)	2(d)	For Near-Coastal Voyages
Below 200	1(e)	-	1(c)	1(d)	For International Voyages
	1(g)	-	1(h)	1(d)	For Near-Coastal Voyages

Types of Certificate of Competency (COC)

- (a) COC under STCW Reg. II/2 (Master on ships above 3000 GT)
- (b) COC under STCW Reg. II/2 (Chief Mate on ships above 3000 GT)
- (c) COC under STCW Reg. II/1 (OOW Navigational on ships of 500 GT and above)
- (d) Certification of Ratings forming part of a navigational watch, STCW Reg. II/4 or II/5
- (e) COC under STCW Reg. II/2 (Master on ships between 500 and 3000 GT)
- (f) COC under STCW Reg. II/2 (Chief Mate on ships between 500 and 3000 GT)
- (g) COC under STCW Reg. II/3 (Master on ships less than 500 GT)
- (h) COC under STCW Reg. II/3 (OOW Navigational on ships less than 500 GT)

2) ENGINEERING WATCHKEEPING OFFICERS AND RATINGS

KW	Minimum Qualified Officers & Ratings				Remarks
	Chief Engineer	Second Engineer	Officer of Watch	Rating	
3000 & above	1(a)	1(b)	1(c)	3(d)	-
1500 – 2999	1(e)	1(f)	-	2(d)	-
750 – 1499	1(e)	-	1(c)	2(d)	-
749 & below	-	1(f)	1(c)	1(d)	-

Types of Certificate of Competency (COC)

- (a) COC under STCW Reg. III/2 (Chief Engineer on ships above 3000 KW)
- (b) COC under STCW Reg. III/2 (Second Engineer on ships above 3000 KW)
- (c) COC under STCW Reg. III/1 (OOW Engineering on ships above 750 KW)
- (d) Certification of Ratings forming part of an engineering watch, STCW Reg. III/4 or III/5
- (e) COC under STCW Reg. III/3 (Chief Engineer on ships between 750 and 3000 KW)
- (f) COC under STCW Reg. III/3 (Second Engineer on ships between 750 and 3000 KW)

**3) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF GMDSS RADIO PERSONNEL
(STCW REG. IV/2)**

Sea Area A1	At least 1 officer with GMDSS Restricted Operator's Certificate (ROC)
Sea Area A2	At least 1 officer with GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (GOC)
Sea Area A3	At least 2 officers with GMDSS GOC or 1 dedicated officer with a GMDSS GOC
Sea Area A4	At least 2 officers with GMDSS GOC or 1 dedicated officer with a GMDSS GOC

NOTE:

Only Officer with Certificate of Competency issued by other Administration is required to be issued with Kiribati Certificate of Endorsement (COE) and Rating is not required.

Yours sincerely,

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