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- 1. NOTING THAT the Standards for Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping [STCW] Convention 1978 have been amended by the 2010 Manila Amendments with an entry into force from 01st January 2012 onwards.
- 2. NOTING ALSO THAT the transition period for Manila amendments ended on 01st January 2017 and from this date onwards all seafarers are required to have certified in accordance with to STCW 2010 amendments.
- 3. NOTING FURTHER THAT STCW 1978 Convention as amended in 1995 with "Regulation I/2, Para 9" required that original of the certificates issued in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the convention must be kept available on board while serving on a ship.
- 4. REALIZING THAT some Certificate of Competency's [CoC's] issued by the Directorate specifies this requirement in the form of *notes* on the front pastedown endpaper page of the CoC as: "The original of this certificate must be kept available in accordance with Regulation I/2, paragraph 9 of the Convention while serving on a ship".
- 5. REALZING ALSO THAT the changes in STCW 1978 Convention, brought about by the 2010 amendments has changed the number of Paragraphs in Regulation I/2 to 11 instead of 9 in the 1995 amendments to STCW 1978 Convention. The said requirements regarding availability of original certificate is at Paragraph 11 of Regulation I/2 of 2010 amendments instead of Paragraph 9.
- 6. REALZING FURTHER THAT the CoC's issued by the Directorate in accordance with 1995 amendments to STCW 1978 convention have been upgraded after completion of the necessary STCW requirements by means of endorsements in the CoC's for compliance. However, *notes with Regulation I/2, paragraph 9 of the Convention* on the front pastedown endpaper page of the CoC's have remained unchanged.

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7. THEREFORE, in order to prevent issues relating to Indian CoC's during Port State Control [PSC] Inspections, it is hereby directed that all Indian CoC's complying with 2010 amendments to STCW 1978 convention, the *notes* on the front pastedown endpaper page of the CoC is to be now read as following:

"The original of this certificate must be kept available in accordance with Regulation I/2, paragraph 11 of the Convention while serving on a ship".

- 8. The Mercantile Marine Departments [MMDs] are hereby directed that CoC's revalidated or upgraded to 2010 amendments to STCW 1978 convention with containing notes of "Regulation I/2, paragraph 9 of the Convention" on the front pastedown endpaper page, shall be endorsed with a stamp that "The original of this certificate must be kept available in accordance with Regulation I/2, paragraph 11 of the Convention while serving on a ship" in the additional pages of CoC booklet.
- 9. Seafarers in possession of CoCs upgraded to 2010 amendments may approach nearest MMD at their convenience to get their CoCs stamped accordingly. No additional fees will be charged for the same.

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