DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING		
Examination, Assessment & Certification Branch (EAC Branch)		
Authorized by	Subject-Conduct of Second Mate(FG) grade competency examination under STCW 2010 revised pattern	N. T. Wing /Exam circular No. 2 of 2011
Chief Examiner of Master & Mates	File No. 7-NT(7)/2010	27.04.2011

1. Introduction:

In view of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW 78, the syllabus for the Second Mates (FG) course had been revised and to that effect <u>Training Circular No. 12 of 2010</u> had been issued by the Directorate on 07.10.2010. As per this training circular, revised syllabus for Second Mate (FG) course came in to force from the batch commenced on 15.12.2010. Candidates who had successfully completed their four months course (commenced from 15.12.2010) are expected to appear for Second Mate (FG) competency examination in the Month of May 2011.

2. Revised Question Paper Pattern for the competency examination:

Syllabus revision committee involved in the revision of syllabus for Preparatory courses for competency examination had revised the Question Paper pattern also, to meet the STCW 2010 requirements as well as to give adequate importance to various competencies given in STCW competency tables. Based on the recommendations of Syllabus revision committee Chief Examiner of Master and Mates has approved the revised question paper pattern for Second Mate (FG) competency examination. This Revised pattern will be implemented from May 2011 onwards. A set of revised question paper pattern is attached as Annexure-I for reference.

3. Special Provisions for Repeater Candidates:

It is realised that repeater candidates i.e those candidates who had completed their second mate (FG) preparatory course under old syllabus and/or had partial passes in written papers, may not be aware of the changes or additions made in the new syllabus. Also taking note of the fact that revised question paper pattern for all the subjects is almost similar to and simpler than the post amendment pattern, except "Ship Construction, Stability, Ship Safety and Environment Protection" subject, the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates hereby allows such existing candidates to appear for "Ship Operation" function in the old (pre-revised) pattern in the months of May 2011 and July 2011 only. Thereafter, all the second mate (FG) candidates including repeaters shall appear for examinations of all the subjects under Revised pattern as in Annexure-I only.

4. This issues with the approval of Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.

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