

Circular 141 / 2016

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars and other Interested Parties

Subject: Cancellation of Belize Certificates of Competencies and Cook Islands Endorsements – revision of circular 140 /2016

Date 28 December 2016

Related Documents

- Circular 140 / 2016

Summary

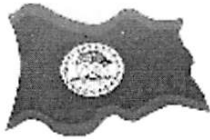
Maritime Cook Islands draws your attention to IMMARBE Seafarers Department Notice dated 13 December 13 (attached below) regarding the extension of Belize Certificates of Competence (CoC).

In this regard, Maritime Cook Islands will continue to accept and endorse Belize CoC's **until the 30th June 2017**, at which all certificates will automatically expire.

MCI Verification Portal

Cook Islands Endorsements Certificates can be verified via the Maritime Cook Islands website at the following link: [Cook Islands Endorsements Verification Portal](#)

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the STCW Certification Manager, Eleanor Goodwin email stcw@maritimecookislands.com



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International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize

Seafarers Department Notice

CONSIDERATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY BEYOND 31ST DECEMBER 2016

TO: Holders of Belize COCs, Maritime Administrations, Port State Control Authorities/MOU's, Deputy Registrars, Ship Owners, Ship Operators and All other Concerned Parties.

ISSUANCE DATE: 13th December 2016 Revision No. N/A

REFERENCE: MSC.1-Circ.1560 - Advice for Parties Administrations, Port State Control Authorities and Recognized Organizations on action to be taken in cases where not all seafarers carry certificates and endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code from 1 January 2017.

MSN SUPERSEDED: SDC-16-04 Moratorium on Belize Certificate of Competence and Validity of COCs After December 31 2016

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-seventh session (21 to 25 November 2016), expressed concern about the implementation of the 2010 STCW Manila Amendments in light of the imminent end, on 1 January 2017, of the transitional provisions laid down in the STCW Convention, regulation I/15.

Also the Committee recognized that seafarers on board many ships may not yet hold their certificates or flag State endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila Amendments to the Convention and urged port State control authorities to take the above factors into consideration when taking action under the control procedures.

The Committee agreed that, in cases where a seafarer's documentation complied with the requirements in force immediately before 1 January 2017, but was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, Port State control authorities, until 1 July 2017, were recommended to take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections and to notify the ships, seafarers and Administrations concerned accordingly.

Rooted on the above recommendation from IMO and understanding the many challenges being faced by seafarers in obtaining new certificates and flag endorsements under the 2010 Manila Amendments to the Convention, the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize hereby requests that other Maritime Administrations and Port State Control authorities take this into consideration and exercise leniency when carrying inspections manned by Belize CoC holders up until June 30th, 2017 so as to grant them sufficient time to obtain new certification under the 2010 Manila Amendments.

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize thanks in advance all maritime administrations that continue to recognize Belize COC until this new deadline and appreciate the consideration of all Port State Control authorities. We also take the opportunity to urge all seafarers to seek proper certification under the new 2010 Manila Amendments.

For any questions, information or queries on the above, please contact IMMARBE Head Office:

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