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STCW ADVISORY NO. 2020 - 01

FOR

ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER

ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED

SUBJECT

SUSPENSION OF SIX MONTHS RULE UNDER SECTION 7 and 9 of STCW CIRCULAR 2018-04

Notice is hereby given that the six-month rule under Sections 7 and 9 of STCW circular Nos. 2018-04 and 2018-05 is hereby suspended until further notice.

All training courses for 1.) Tanker Ships, 2.) Basic Training, 3.) Survival Craft and Rescue Boat other than Fast Rescue Boat, 4.) Fast Rescue Boat, 5.) Medical First Aid, 6.) Medical Care, 7.) Ship Security Officer, 8.) Advance Fire Fighting, 9.) Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties will be accepted for processing and issuance of appropriate Certificate of Proficiency (COP) under the relevant provisions of Chapter V and VI of the STCW Convention, 1978 as amended, subject to the following conditions;

- 1. For the issuance of COP, the five (5) years validity shall be reckoned from the date of final approval of the application if it is filed within six (6) months from the date of training course completion, Otherwise, the validity of COP shall be reckoned from the completion date of the training course.
- 2. For the revalidation of COP, the five (5) years validity shall be reckoned from the date of final approval of that the application for revalidation if it is filed within six (6) months prior to the expiration of the COP to be revalidated, and for COP that requires a refresher course, the refresher training must be completed within six (6) months before the date of the application. Otherwise, the validity of the COP shall be reckoned from the date of the completion of the refresher course
- 3. The Certificate of Training Completion (including refresher training) that has been taken more than three (3) years ago, shall no longer be accepted for the issuance and revalidation of COP. In this case, the applicant seafarer shall be required to complete the full course of the approved training.

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This advisory repeals STCW Advisory No. 2019-07.

For information and guidance.

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2020 - 01 was approved by the Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Administrator, this Authority on JAN 1 4 2020

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