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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED**

Communication received from the Government of Croatia

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit the communication received from the Government of Croatia, as set out in the annex, providing a clarification regarding implementation of Regulation I/2, paragraph 11 of the STCW Convention, as amended.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

ANNEX



REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
**MINISTRY OF SEA,
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
Zagreb, Prinsavlje 14

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INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION
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United Kingdom

Subject: Clarification letter regarding implementation of the Regulation I/2 paragraph 11 of the STCW Convention, as amended

Your Excellency,

The Croatian Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure would like hereby to inform you that the Republic of Croatia has fully implemented the 2010 Manila Amendments by the Ordinance on ranks and certification of seafarers (Official Gazette No. 130/13, 45/14, 124/15, 72/16).

All Croatian seafarers who met the new requirements were issued Certificates of Competence as well as Certificates of Proficiency with the validity beyond 1 January 2017, or unlimited certificates in accordance with the Convention: Electro-technical rating (STCW III/7); Ship security officer (STCW VI/5); Security-awareness (STCW VI/6-1); and Seafarer with designated security duties (STCW VI/6-2).

Seafarers who didn't meet the requirements introduced by the 2010 Manila Amendments were issued Certificates of Competence and Certificates of Proficiency with the validity until 31 December 2016.

We would like also to inform you **that Croatian Certificates of Competence and Certificates of Proficiency issued until 26 February 2014 contain incorrect reference to Regulation I/2 paragraph 9, instead a correct reference to the Regulation I/2 paragraph 11 of the 2010 Manila Amendments, regarding the obligation to keep available any certificate required by the Convention in its original form on board the ship on which the holder is serving.**

Further to the above mentioned, we would like hereby to confirm that this incorrect reference **does not substantially affect the competence of the seafarer.** If that seafarer obtained the Certificate of Competence and Certificate of Proficiency with the validity beyond 1 January 2017 or unlimited certificate as mentioned above, it

is evident that he/she fulfilled all the requirements prescribed by the 2010 Manila Amendments.

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

Informing you all of the above, I would like to kindly request the circulation of this information to the Member States of the International Maritime Organization (Maritime Authorities and Port State Control Officers) in order to avoid unjustified complications to the seafarers concerned and the vessels on which they are embarked.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Your sincerely,

