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To: ALL SHIPPING PRINCIPALS/EMPLOYERS, LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES AND SEAFARERS

Subject: REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES UNDER CHAPTERS II, III, IV AND V OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED

Date: 28 August 2006

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4, Series of 2006, of the Maritime Training Council, all shipping principals, employers and licensed manning companies are enjoined to promptly revalidate certificates of hired seafarers issued under Chapters IV (General Operator Certificate) and V (Tanker, Ro-ro Passenger ships and Passenger ships other than Roro) of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to ensure that it shall remain valid alongside the Certificate of Competency issued or revalidated by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) under Chapter II or III of the said Convention. Further, all concerned are instructed to ensure that such certificates are valid throughout the duration of the employment contract of the hired seafarers.

Attention is likewise invited to Regulation I/14 of the Convention which requires shipowners to ensure that seafarers assigned to any of its ships shall hold an appropriate certificate in accordance with the STCW Convention and as established by the Administration.

Please be guided accordingly.

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