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Sub: Revalidation of GMDSS GOC Endorsement

The requirement of continued proficiency for GMDSS (GOC) STCW 95 Endorsement has been provided in MS Notice 20/1998. The relevant portion is reproduced for easy reference in bold letters.

Quote: 15. Continued Proficiency for STCW 1995 Endorsement.

In addition every Radio Operator for continued proficiency for STCW 95 endorsement is required to produce the following.

15.1 Medical fitness Certificate, particularly regarding eyesight, hearing and speech.

15.2.1 Approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least one year in total during the preceding five years; OR

15.2.2 Having performed functions considered to be equivalent to the sea going service required in para 15.2.1; OR

15.3 One of the following:

15.3.1 Passing an approved test, OR

15.3.2 Successfully completing an approved course or courses; OR

Having completed approved sea-going service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of not less than 3 months in a supernumerary capacity. **Unquote.**

There have been instances where candidates are unable to comply with the requirement of paragraphs 15.2.1 to 15.3.2 above. It is, therefore, decided that such candidates may attend GMDSS (GOC) Preparatory Course for obtaining STCW 95 Endorsement. This is applicable only for the first revalidation of STCW endorsement. Subsequent endorsement will have to be considered with due

consultation of MOC as GMDSS (GOC) Certificate itself is valid only for 10 years.

This issues with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India

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