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The timely issue of the Certificate of Competency in accordance with STCW95 has been duly pursued at the Directorate and the following instructions are issued as guidance.

We are in the process of issuing "soft covers" to those already issued with old hard covers and have gone through an upgradation course. We are also issuing "soft covers" instead of old hard covers to those "Blue chit (EXN-16)" holders the results of whom are already approved.

There is no provision of issuance of a "Blue chit" in either the STCW 95 or in the M.S. (STCW) Rules, 1998. Further more, some flags recruiting our seafarers wanted proper certificates even now, without waiting for the 'D' Day to appear. This means, we are to be prepared to issue "soft" or regular hard covers immediately to all and discontinue issuance of "Blue chit (EXN - 16)".

All those who wish to go to sea on contract or otherwise, are expected to have their "soft" covers in possession, if such period of service covers the crucial date of 1st February, 2002. A normal contract being of nine months validity, we must ensure to have the "soft covers" ready for all those joining sea from the month of June, 2001, so that it would not be necessary for such successful candidates to sail with EXN-16 and face problems.

This requires all the results upto and including the Month of April 2001 be forwarded for approval and issuance of certificates by the Directorate. Such "soft" cover certificates may be exchanged for the "Blue chits" already issued. This also means strict adherence to the time schedule for examination as detailed in instruction to examiners Circular 026 dated 20th December 2000.

For your convenience, the copy of Circular 026 is attached.

The validity of the 'Soft Cover', which is a single A4 size, security paper would be 5 years for the time being. This would be replaced by the pass book type High Security "Hard Cover", which is under print in the Government Security Press, in due course.