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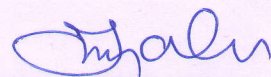
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Subject: Submission of original medical certificates for issuance of STCW endorsements - clarifications regarding.

1. The Directorate General of Shipping has received representations with regard to the need for submitting **original** medical certificates to Mercantile Marine Departments [MMDs] and Facilitation Centres for issue of various **STCW endorsements** (GMDSS/Oil/Chem/Gas etc).
2. The matter was carefully examined in the Directorate. The requirement of submitting ‘**original**’ medical certificates for issue of various STCW endorsements requires the seafarer to undergo repeated medical examinations to obtain **original** medical certificates even during the validity of the existing medical certificate.
3. In accordance with provisions of Standard A1.2 (7a) and M.S. Notice 23 of 2010, a medical certificate generally remains valid for a period of **2 (two) years** (unless a shorter period is specified by reason of specific duties to be performed by the seafarer concerned) and therefore the need for carrying out repeated medical examination just to obtain an **original** medical certificate imposes hardship on the seafarer as well as the doctor.
4. It has therefore been decided that henceforth, original medical certificate need not be submitted by the candidate for issue of **STCW endorsements**. Instead, self attested copy of the medical certificate shall be accepted by the MMDs and facilitation centres provided the candidate has the original certificate for verification at the time of submission of documents to the MMDs/Facilitation centres.
5. Original eye test certificate and medical certificates would however continue to be required to be submitted for competency examinations.

This is issued with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India.


(Capt. K.P. Jayakumar)

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