

Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai

Authorized by the Chief	Examination, Assessment & Certification (EAC) Branch	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Examiner of Engineers'	Subject: Engagement of Indians holding Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued under STCW Regulation II/2 and III/2 from Australia, Singapore, Ireland and New Zealand, in addition to UK, to sail on Indian flag vessels.	NT/ENG Circular No.3 of 2017
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1. Introduction

a) In the year 2014, the Directorate received representation from various stakeholders including INSA to allow engagement of Indians, holding Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued under STCW Regulation II/2 and III/2 from Australia, Singapore, Ireland and New Zealand, in addition to UK, to sail on Indian Flag vessels as a measure to address inadequacy in the availability of management level officers to man Indian Flag vessels.

b) After due deliberation, the Director General of Shipping in his/her powers under Section 456 of MS Act, 1958 had partially relaxed Section 86(1)(a) and allowed Indian Nationals holding Australia, Singapore, Ireland and New Zealand Certificate of Competencies to sail on India Flag vessels apart from UK COC holders on fulfilment of certain specific conditions such as deployment of one Nautical Cadet and one trainee Marine Engineer during each period of such deployment.

c) In view of above relaxation, the Directorate had issued following circulars apart from DGS Order 2 of 2015 & DGS Order 1 of 2012 on 09.05.2012 (meant only for Indians holding UK COC) which was valid for two years from date of issue of 09.05.2012:

- NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014 dated 27.05.2014.
- Engineering Circular No. 4 of 2014 dated 23.04.2014.
- Engineering Circular No. 4A of 2014 dated 02.06.2014.
- Corrigendum to NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014 dated 04.08.2014.

d) The above relaxation was valid till 31st December 2016 vide Corrigendum No. 2 to NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014.

e) INSA and other stakeholders vide their representation in July 2017 to the Director General of Shipping has again requested the extension of said relaxation for a further three-year period citing continuous shortage of management level officers to man Indian Flag vessels.

f) Noting the shortage of management level officers to man Indian Flag vessels and after due deliberations, the Director General of Shipping has agreed to extend issuance of Certificate of Endorsement till 31.12.2019, to Indians holding Certificate of Competency from Australia,

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Ireland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and UK under certain specific conditions mentioned in this circular.

g) To consolidate all the requirements, following circulars are now superseded by this circular:

- i) All circulars mentioned in paragraph 1(c)
- ii) Corrigendum No. 2 to NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014 dated 10.02.2016.
- iii) Training circular No. 7 of 2002 dated 30th July 2002.
- iv) Training circular No. 57 dated 21 January 2004.
- v) Training circular No. 90 of dated 2nd June 2005.
- vi) EAC Branch Circular No. 90 dated 2nd June 2005.
- vii) NT/ENG Circular 14 dated 30.08.2013

2. Applicability:

- This circular is applicable to

a) Management level officers (Master, Chief Engineer, Chief Officer and Second Engineer) holding CoC issued under STCW Regulation II/2, Regulation III/2 from either Australia, Ireland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and UK and are willing to work on Indian Flag vessels and

b) Operational level officers such as Fourth Engineer, Third Engineer and Second Officer and Third Officer holding CoC issued under STCW Regulation II/1, Regulation II/1 from any country mentioned in Paragraph 2a) above and had been issued Certificate of Endorsement by Indian Administration prior to 27th April 2014.

3. Requirements

1) CoE under Regulation I/10 of STCW 78 as amended may be considered subject to fulfilment of the following:

A) The prospective employer to submit a declaration that the authenticity of the CoC held by the Officer to be employed has been verified and a copy of print out of internet verification duly certified by them to be attached.

B) Indian citizens holding management level certificates under STCW 78 as amended, issued by the Maritime authorities of countries stated in Paragraph 1f) above may either undergo training of three days in Indian Maritime legislation Course conducted by LBS, CAMSAR or successfully pass an oral examination conducted at various Mercantile Marine Department/Director General of Shipping to obtain endorsement under Regulation I/10 of STCW-78, as amended. The syllabus for the said course and oral examination is attached as an **Annexure-I** attached with this circular. In case the seafarer opts for the said Indian Maritime Legislation training course, a copy of the course completion certificate to be attached for obtaining CoE.

2) The issuance of CoE to holders of CoC from Maritime Nations stated in Paragraph 1f) above shall also be subjected to the following conditions:

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a) Deployment of such COE holders on any Indian ship shall be done in conjunction with the deployment of one Nautical Cadet pursuing a B.Sc.(Nautical)/DNS(Diploma in Nautical Science leading to B.Sc. in Nautical Science) for each CoE issued to a Nautical Officer and/or one trainee Marine Engineer pursuing the G.M.E. (Graduate in Marine Engineering)/D.M.E. (Diploma in Marine Engineering)/ATS (Alternate Training Scheme)/Four-years Bachelor Degree in Marine Engineering, for each CoE issued to an Engineer officer during the period of deployment of the COE holder and at each time the CoE holder is deployed.

b) The deployment of the trainees mentioned under paragraph 3(2)(a) shall be over and above the Tonnage Tax commitment of the concerned company. An undertaking to the same effect to be submitted by the prospective employer with the following details:

- i) Name of the trainee to be deployed and his/her CDC number.
- ii) Name and IMO number of the vessel on which he/she is contemplated to be deployed.

c) Ship owners may have the option to arrange providing of such training on another Indian ship or a ship of the company's subsidiary abroad.

d) The Master and/or the Chief Engineer of the ship are required to supervise the quality of the training imparted to these trainees as per the prescribed TAR books. In case the Officer to be employed is joining as Master/Chief Engineer, an undertaking stating his/her responsibility to train all the trainees sailing on board the vessel, he/she is contemplated to join to be taken and submitted along with the application for issuance of Certificate of Endorsement.

4. Procedure for issuance of Certificate of Equivalence and its revalidation

a) Application for Certificate of Endorsement along with self-attested copies of the declarations/certificates/documents mentioned in Paragraph 3 (Requirements) above to be submitted at any Mercantile Marine Department. Self-attested copies of all pages of the Certificate of Competency including any restriction imposed on the COC, Medical Certificate, the required STCW course certificate and a copy of valid Indian CDC are to be attached.

b) Payment of prescribed fees.

c) After a satisfactory review of above submissions, the Principal Officer of concerned Mercantile Marine Department may issue "Acknowledgement of Application" using the format attached as **Annexure-II** with this circular. This Acknowledgement is valid for three months from the date of receipt of application form and may be used to place the officer on board an Indian Flag vessel by the prospective employer.

d) The concerned Mercantile Marine Department would forward the application form alongwith copies of all declarations/certificates/documents received and acknowledgement to the Directorate General of Shipping for the issuance of CoE till 31st December 2019.

e) The revalidation of the CoE issued by the Director General of Shipping may be carried out by the Principal Officers of the MMDs after ensuring that all requirements mentioned in

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Paragraph 3 (Requirements) are met with. No CoE shall be re-validated to a date beyond 31st December 2019.

5. Issuance of Dangerous Cargo Endorsements to holders of CoE

- a) Dangerous cargo endorsements can be issued to Indian CoE holders in accordance with procedures for issuance of Dangerous Cargo Endorsements to Indian CoC holders.
- b) The Dangerous Cargo Endorsements issued must carry a note stating that "This endorsement shall remain valid till the time CoE/Acknowledgement of receipt of CoE application, issued to the candidate remains valid".

6. Note:

The issuance of Certificate of Endorsement is a one-off measure granted to the Indian Seafarers stated in Paragraph 2 above. It does not give any right to an Indian seafarer with foreign COC or an Indian Flag Ship-owner to request for issuance of COE beyond 31st December 2019.

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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To;

1. The Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai / Chennai / Kolkata / Kochi / Kandla.
2. The Surveyor-In-Charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Noida/ Visakhapatnam.
3. INSA / FOSMA / MASSA / ICSSA / MUI / IMEI.
4. AD (OL), Hindi Cell, with a request to translate this circular in Hindi & upload on DGS website.
5. Engineering Branch/Nautical Branch/Naval Architecture Branch/Training Branch.
6. The Computer Cell, DGS, GOI with a request to upload this circular on the official website.
7. E-governance Cell, DGS, GOI
8. Sr. PS to DG(S) for information.
9. Sr. PS to CS/NA for information.



**INDIAN MARITIME LEGISLATION COURSE FOR MANAGEMENT LEVEL OFFICERS
HOLDING CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FROM AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE, IRELAND &
NEW ZELAND IN ADDITION TO UK**

No.	Syllabus	Hours
(a)	Registration of Ships. The certificate of registry and its legal significance.	2 Hours.
(b)	Engagement, discharge and management of crew. Manning scales and certification. Contracts of employment, wages and other remuneration advance, allotments, payment into bank accounts. Decryptions, deceased seamen, engagement of substitutes, repatriation.	3 Hours.
(c)	The official log book and the law relating to entries. Offences relating to misconduct, to endangering ship and against persons on board. Discipline and treatment of disciplinary offences. Trade disputes involving seamen.	2 Hours.
(d)	The official log book entries and reports in respect of free board, draft and allowances.	1 Hour.
(e)	Crew accommodation. Hygiene of the ship and welfare of the crew. All outline knowledge of the regulations relating to medical stores. Inspection and reports. Fresh water and provisions. Procedures in cases of infectious disease, illness or accidents. Maritime declarations of health. Port health requirements. International agreements and measures to prevent the spread of disease by shipping.	2 Hours.
(f)	The safety of the ship, crew and passengers. Assistance to vessels in distress and salvage. Master's duties in the case of collision or any other accident. Lodging protects etc. Inquires and Investigation.	4 Hours.
(g)	The law relating to the reporting of ice, derelict, tropical revolving storms and other dangers to navigation.	1 Hour.
(h)	Amendments to Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958).	2 Hours.
(i)	To have an outline knowledge of the rules made under the Merchant Shipping Act.	1 Hour
Total		18 Hours

ANNEXURE-I to NT/ENG Circular No- 3 of 2017.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,
Ministry of Shipping, Government of India

International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for
Seafarers, 1978 as amended, Regulation I/10

Acknowledgement of application for Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of a
Certificate
(other than Radio Officer / Radio Operator)

Date

Place

Reference No

Receipt of an application for endorsement attesting recognition of certificate issued in
favour of _____ of _____

Passport / CDC NO. _____ holding Certificate of Competency
No. _____ issued by _____ on Dt. _____ is hereby
acknowledged.

Capacity _____

Limitations (if any) _____

This acknowledgement is not in any way evidence of certificate of competence and is subject to
issue of Endorsement by this Administration as required by STCW 1995 provisions. This receipt
of application for endorsement may however be used for a maximum of three months from the
date of this receipt as proof of having applied for the said endorsement which is in the process
of being issued as per prescribed procedure and assessment of applicant.

PRINCIPAL OFFICER

MMD _____

ANNEXURE-II to NT/ENG Circular No- 3 of 2017

