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**Subject: "IMO's Maritime Safety Committee Circular: STCW
"White List" update"**



Summary: On the 18th of October 2021 IMO issued an MSC Circular^[1] including in the annex a list of the STCW Parties fully complying with the Convention (the so called "White List")

1. Under Chapter I, regulation I/7 of the revised STCW'78 Convention, as amended, Parties are required to provide detailed information to IMO concerning administrative measures taken to ensure compliance with the Convention, education and training courses, certification procedures and other factors relevant to implementation. The information is reviewed by panels of competent persons, nominated by Parties to the STCW Convention, who report on their findings to the IMO Secretary-General, who, in turn, reports to the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) on the Parties which fully comply. The MSC then produces a list (the so called "White List") of "confirmed Parties" in compliance with the STCW Convention.
2. The IMO MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.13, issued on 18 October 2021, titled "Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the relevant provisions of the Convention".
3. More concrete the MSC Circular includes in the annex a list of the STCW Party which had communicated information that demonstrated that it was giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention at that session of the Committee, together with those which had been confirmed at previous sessions (STCW Regulation I/7). In addition, the MSC Circular draws the attention of maritime Administrations, shipowners, ship operators and managers, shipmasters, and other parties concerned to the following:
 - .1 not all of the STCW Parties listed in the annex provide seafarer training, and some of those Parties listed may only provide a limited range of training; and
 - .2 the fact that a Party is listed in the annex does not relieve those concerned of their obligations under the 1978 STCW Convention.

4. **MAC S.A. services offered:** The MAC S.A. experts are closely monitoring recent developments within the IMO context related to seafarers' training and certification and provide in the particular field state of the art services to international registries and individual shipping companies, including:

- **STCW Endorsements:** We attend the issuance of the STCW Endorsements Certificates for the Seafarers onboard the vessels flying a wide variety of flags;
- **Certificates of Competency:** We assist seafarers to refresh the Basic Training Certificates and to issue or renew the Certificates of Competency with a wide range of Flag Administrations.

[1] <https://www.mac.com.gr/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MSC.1-Circ.1163-Rev.13.pdf>



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