

Circular 95 / 2014**To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties****Subject: Reminder to Companies of obligations under STCW****Date: 16 January 2015****Summary**

Maritime Cook Islands draws the attention of companies operating Cook Islands flagged vessels to Company responsibilities as set out under STCW 2010 and requests that immediate action taken where necessary;

Where companies fail to be responsible for the following items, Maritime Cook Islands, shall take to ensure the items are remedied immediately, and further ensure that the same issues do not reoccur in the future.

STCW Regulation I/14

Responsibilities of companies

1 Each Administration shall, in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/14, hold companies responsible for the assignment of seafarers for service on their ships in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention, and shall require every such company to ensure that:

- .1 each seafarer assigned to any of its ships holds an appropriate certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and as established by the Administration;
- .2 its ships are manned in compliance with the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration;
- .3 seafarers assigned to any of its ships have received refresher and updating training as required by the Convention;
- .4 documentation and data relevant to all seafarers employed on its ships are maintained and readily accessible, and include, without being limited to, documentation and data on their experience, training, medical fitness and competency in assigned duties;
- .5 seafarers, on being assigned to any of its ships, are familiarized with their specific duties and with all ship arrangements, installations, equipment, procedures and ship characteristics that are relevant to their routine or emergency duties;
- .6 the ship's complement can effectively coordinate their activities in an emergency situation and in performing functions vital to safety, security and to the prevention or mitigation of pollution; and
- .7 at all times on board its ships there shall be effective oral communication in accordance with chapter V, regulation 14, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended.

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