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Subject: Minimum Safe Manning Documents

Ref: (a) Marine Notice MAN-001
(b) IMO A. Resolution 1047(27)
(c) Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention

Dear Shipowner/Operator;

Reference (c) provides several new STCW certifications: Able Seafarer Deck, Able Seafarer Engine, Electro Technical Officer and Electro Technical Rating.

Reference (b) provides guidance regarding a new format for the Minimum Safe Manning Document issued to ships.

The Liberian Administration amended the format of its Minimum Safe Manning Document (MSMD) on 1 January 2014 to better align it with the format in reference (b). The amended MSMD takes into account the option of employing seafarers with the new certifications described in reference (c) in accordance with Marine Notice reference (a).

Eligible seafarers are receiving the new STCW certifications STCW II/5, STCW III/5, STCW III/6, and STCW III/7 and have been filling these positions identified on our MSMDs issued since 1 January 2014.

The Liberian Administration estimates there are approximately 1,000 ships that do not currently carry the amended MSMD and therefore do not incorporate the changes identified in references (b) and (c). We are in the process of contacting Shipowners/Operators of those ships to recommend updating the MSMD. In an effort to expedite the process, we strongly recommend that, if not already contacted, you contact us at vesselcertificates@liscr.com for a replacement, if the MSMD issued your Liberian flagged ships has not been updated or replaced since 1 January 2014.

We have temporarily reduced the amendment fee for the MSMD to US\$150.00 to ensure that Shipowners/Operators are well accommodated with regards to this amendment process,

If you have any questions, please contact our Safety Department at Telephone: +1-703-790-3434 or by email to safety@liscr.com.

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