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**To,**  
OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS,  
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES/RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

**SUBJET: ISSUANCE OF FLAG ENDORSEMENTS ACCORDING TO STCW, AS AMENDED, REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform all parties concerned about the requirement of all Masters and Officers serving on-board vessels flying the flag of Comoros, to beholders of Endorsements issued by this Administration according to the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers (STCW) International Convention, as amended, Article VI and Regulations I/2& I/10 of Chapter I

**2. Application**

- 2.1. This Circular applies to all Masters and Officers who already serve or intend to serve on-board vessels flying the flag of Comoros.

**3. Requirements**

- 3.1 According to the STCW, as amended, International Convention and this Administration's requirements, every Master or Officer who already serves or intends to serve on-board a vessel flying the Flag of Comoros shall be a holder of an Endorsement issued by this Administration.
- 3.2 This Administration, in compliance with regulation I/2 of the STCW, as amended, and based on the countries listed on IMO Circular IMO MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.10, that lists the State Parties that have presented information which proves that they give full and complete effectiveness to the relevant provisions of this Convention, as amended, will recognize the Certificates issued from these countries, except the following:
- Belize;
  - Cuba;
  - Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
  - Micronesia;
  - Peru;
  - Samoa.



3.3 Applications for the issuance of Flag State Endorsements shall be made using this Administration's official application form. Additionally, copies in good quality of the following items shall also be submitted along with the application form for the process of the Endorsements' issuance:

- Valid Passport;
- Valid Medical Certificate of fitness;
- Colored passport size photograph;
- Valid Master's or Officer's appropriate Certificate of Competency and Endorsement of the same, if applicable;
- Valid Certificates of Proficiency in accordance with STCW, as amended, requirements, depending on the type of vessel (Tankers, RO-RO Passengers and Passengers);
- Valid Security Related Trainings certificate in accordance with STCW, as amended, Regulation VI/5 or VI/6.

#### 4. Contact

1.1. Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department as provided below:

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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.

**Maritime Affairs Department**

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**Registrar**