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To: Shipping Community

Dear Sir

**UPDATES ON PROCEDURE FOR REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FOR SHIP STATION OPERATORS**

The certificates of competency for ship station operators issued by the Infocomm Media Development Authority (“**IMDA**”) are in accordance with the requirements of Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (“**STCW Convention**”) of the International Maritime Organisation (“**IMO**”). The holder of a certificate of competency for ship station operators who is serving on board ship at sea or intending to serve on board ship after a period ashore shall, in order to continue to qualify for sea service as a radio operator, have his certificate of competency revalidated by IMDA.

2 Under the Telecommunications (Certificates of Competency for Ship Station Operators) Regulations, a certificate holder shall revalidate his General Operator’s Certificate of Competency (“**GOC**”) or Restricted Operator’s Certificate of Competency (“**ROC**”) at intervals not exceeding 5 years from the date of issue or revalidation.

3 With effect from 01 August 2019 the following procedures will be adopted for the revalidation of GOC or ROC:

#	Scenarios	Criteria	Procedure
1	<b>Revalidation of GOC or ROC within 12 months before its expiry date</b>	Working on board ship for at least a period of 12 months in total during the preceding 5 years or 3 months in total during the preceding 6 months immediately prior to revalidation	Proceed to submit application to IMDA for revalidation of certificate.
		Working on board ship for <u>less than</u> a period of 12 months in total during the preceding 5 years or 3 months in total during the preceding 6 months immediately prior to revalidation	Attend a <u>refresher</u> course for GMDSS <u>GOC</u> at a Singapore training institution recognised by IMDA.  Attend a <u>full</u> GMDSS <u>ROC</u> course at a Singapore training institution recognised by IMDA.
		Working ashore without sea service record	Applicant to provide company letter stating relevant work scopes and experiences for IMDA review. Subject to approval on case by case basis.

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2	<b>GOC or ROC expired</b>	N.A.	Attend a <u>full</u> GMDSS GOC/ROC course at Singapore training institution recognised by IMDA.

4 Ship owners are advised to disseminate the above information to personnel involved in operating the ship radio station for compliance.

5 For any queries, please send an email to [info@imda.gov.sg](mailto:info@imda.gov.sg)

Yours faithfully



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