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**Shipping Information Notice –No. 033**

**Certificates of Competency, Endorsements & Recognised Countries**

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To: Local Representatives Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers

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1. There is no restriction on nationality or residency in respect of employment of seafarers on a Gibraltar registered ship, provided they hold the appropriate certificates or training documents issued by an STCW party state that is recognised by the Gibraltar Government.
  2. A list of the current recognised countries and application forms may be obtained from the Seafarers' section of the GMA website <http://www.gibraltarship.com/seafarers>
  3. Seafarers, except trainees and cadets, must have performed at least one year's sea service prior to serving on a Gibraltar registered vessel.
  4. In order to serve on a Gibraltar-registered vessel as an officer, a seafarer is required to have one of the following:
    - a) A United Kingdom (UK) Certificate of Competency (CoC)
- OR
- b) A UK Certificate of Equivalent Competency (CEC)
- OR
- c) A Gibraltar Recognition Endorsement (under STCW'95 Reg. I/10)
5. Issue of endorsements

Recognition Endorsements are only issued to officers who hold appropriate certificates of competency issued by the maritime authorities of one of the recognised countries.

6. Additional requirements for the issue of endorsements for certificates of competency issued by Turkey and Egypt.

Each application must be accompanied by a statement from the ISM Company (Form RA-09-F015 SF) confirming that the seafarer has completed at least 12 months satisfactory sea service on board the Company's ships during the previous 5 years in the capacity for which he/she is applying for an endorsement.

7. The GMA will no longer issue new endorsements recognising certificates of competency issued by Georgia, Argentina, Bangladesh, Cape Verde and Indonesia. However, current endorsements remain valid until they expire.
8. Revalidation of existing endorsements:  
Application for revalidation should be made in good time before expiry of existing endorsements.
9. Revalidation of existing endorsements for countries no longer recognised:  
The GMA will reissue Gibraltar endorsements recognising certificates issued by non-recognised countries to masters and officers currently holding valid endorsements only on the basis of proof of satisfactory, approved seagoing service on board Gibraltar flagged ships, involving the performance of duties appropriate to the certificate held, for an accumulated period of at least two years during the preceding five years.
10. Local Representatives are requested to bring this Shipping Information Notice to the attention of all of their clients.
11. If there are any queries regarding this Notice, you are kindly requested to contact the GMA on email: [maritime.seafarers@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:maritime.seafarers@gibraltar.gov.gi)

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