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REVISED FORMAT OF "STCW ENDORSEMENTS"

To: OWNERS, MANAGERS, SEAFARERS, AND MASTERS OF CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS AND PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the provisions of STCW I/2.5, the Cayman Islands accepts seafarers holding a Certificate of Competency issued by certain other Administrations for service onboard Cayman Islands ships.
- 1.2 Such a Certificate of Competency is recognized as valid for service on a Cayman Islands ship by the issue of an "Endorsement attesting the recognition of a certificate". This is in accordance with STCW I/10.
- 1.3 In order to fully implement the revised requirements for "certificates" in the 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention, the Cayman Islands will be introducing a new format for such "Endorsements" during June 2016.
- 1.4 Details of the new form of "Endorsement" and transitional arrangements effecting the validity of existing "Endorsements" are given below.

2. NEW FORMAT OF "ENDORSEMENTS ATTESTING TO THE RECOGNITION OF A CERTIFICATE"

2.1 The new form of Endorsement is printed on watermarked A5 size high security paper. This endorsement features a digital photograph of the holder and digital signatures of both the holder and the issuing official.

2.2 **Security Features:**

2.2.1 The front of the endorsement contains a hologram showing the Cayman Islands crest and a unique "audit number".

New form of STCW Endorsement (continued)

2.2.2 Both the front and back of the endorsement feature a "micro printed" background. On the front of the endorsement, this micro printing depicts the words "Cayman Registry" and the Cayman Islands crest. On the back of the endorsement, the micro printing shows the words "ADVANCED SECURITY".

2.3 Verification

The endorsement contains a "QR Code" which can be used to verify the validity of the endorsement via any internet connected device with a QR Code reader, such as a smartphone.

The QR code contains a specific URL which links to a dedicated validation web page. Contained in the URL are 3 parameters (Endorsement Number, DOB, Endorsement Issue Date) specific to each endorsement. These will automatically populate the 3 fields available on the validate page and return the below.



The validity of any Endorsement can also be verified via the telephone, email and postal contact details given on the front of the Endorsement.

3 TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXISTING "ENDORSEMENTS ATTESTING TO THE RECOGNITION OF A CERTIFICATE"

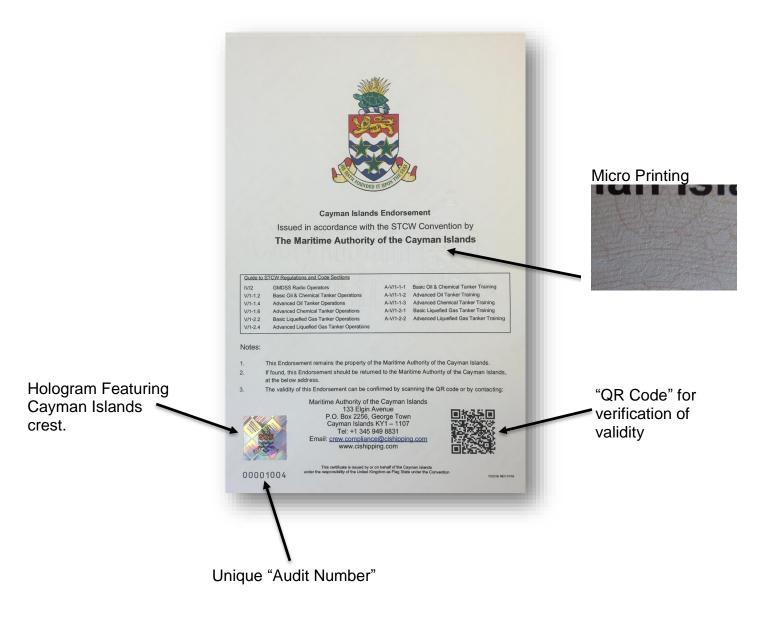
- 3.1 The new form of "Endorsement" will start to be issued during June 2016. The existing form of "Endorsement" will continue to be issued from certain locations until December 2016. This is to allow the new infrastructure to be rolled out to all issuing locations in a controlled and orderly manner.
- 3.2 All existing "Endorsements" will continue to remain valid until the date of expiry stated on the "Endorsement". This will also apply to any "Endorsements" issued in the existing format before 31 December 2016.
- 3.3 It is therefore possible for an "Endorsement" issued in the existing format to remain valid until 01 January 2021 (subject to the expiry date stated on the Endorsement).
- 3.2 A sample of the existing "Endorsement" is given in Annex 2 of this Shipping Notice.

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Annex 1: Revised form of "ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE RECOGNITION OF A CERTIFICATE"

Actual size: 210 X 148 mm (A 5)

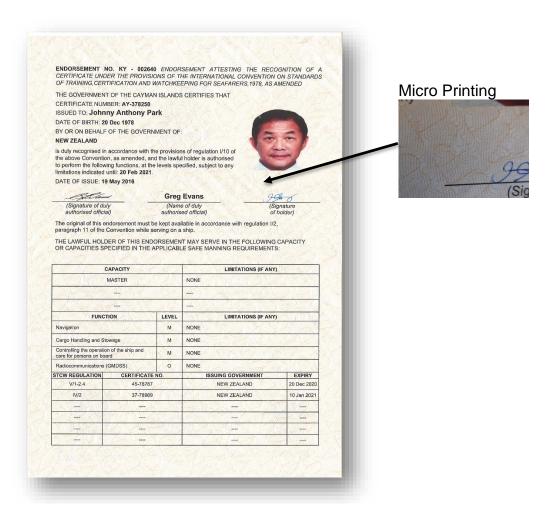
Front



Annex 1: Revised form of "ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE RECOGNITION OF A CERTIFICATE"

Actual size: 210 X 148 mm (A 5)

Back



The back of the card contains information relating to the holder and the certificates recognized by the Endorsement, along with functions, limitations and capacities in which the holder may serve on board a Cayman Islands ship.

M = Management Level

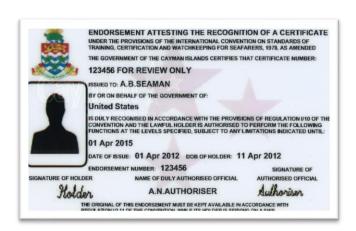
O = Operational Level

S = Support Level

Annex 2: Existing form of "ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE RECOGNITION OF A CERTIFICATE"

Actual card size: 85.725mm x 53.975mm (CR 80)

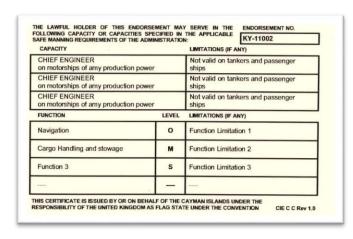
Card Front



The front of the card gives details as to the holder and details of the "Certificate" held along with its issuing Administration.

Contains digital photographs and signatures

Card Back



The back of the card contains information relating to the capacities and functions in which the holder may serve on board a Cayman Islands ship along with any limitations.

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O = Operational Level

S = Support Level