

SHIPPING NOTICE 05/2011 (Rev 7)

**ISSUE OF ENDORSEMENTS ATTESTING TO THE RECOGNITION OF A
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

**To: OWNERS, MANAGERS, CHARTERERS, CREWING AGENCIES AND MASTERS OF
CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL YACHTS).**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978¹ (STCW 78), officers onboard a Cayman Islands ship are required to hold a Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued in accordance with STCW 78 from a country whose standards of competency and training are considered to be equivalent to those of the United Kingdom.
- 1.2 In accordance with regulation I/10 of STCW 78, holders of such a CoC also require an endorsement from the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry attesting to the acceptance of their CoC.
- 1.2 This Shipping Notice updates the list of countries whose Certificates of Competency are considered acceptable for service as an officer on a Cayman Islands ship.

2. LIST OF COUNTRIES

- 2.1 Certificates of Competency issued by the following countries are considered acceptable for service as an officer on a Cayman Islands ship.

Certificates issuing Administration	Notes
Argentina	-
Australia	Certificates issued from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) only. State issued certificates are not accepted. Evidence of English is not required.

¹ As may be amended, from time to time.

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Certificates issuing Administration	Notes
Azerbaijan	-
Belgium	-
Brazil	-
Bulgaria	-
Canada	Evidence of English is not required.
China	-
Croatia	Engineers on steam ships should submit evidence of sea service.
Cyprus	-
Cuba	-
Czech Republic	-
Denmark	-
Estonia	-
Faroe Islands	-
Finland	-
France	-
Germany	-
Greece	-
Hong Kong	Evidence of English is not required.
Hungary	Motorships Only.
Iceland	-
India	Evidence of English is not required.
Indonesia	Motorships Only
Iran	Evidence of English is not required.
Ireland	Evidence of English is not required.
Italy	-
Jamaica	Evidence of English is not required.
Korea, Republic of	-
Latvia	-
Lithuania	-
Malaysia	Evidence of English is not required.
Malta	Evidence of English is not required.
Mexico	-
Montenegro	-
Myanmar	Evidence of English is not required.
Netherlands	-
New Zealand	Evidence of English is not required.

Certificates issuing Administration	Notes
Norway	-
Pakistan	Evidence of English is not required.
Philippines	-
Poland	For a dangerous cargo endorsement, please submit the Polish tanker permission page of the CoC.
Portugal	-
Romania	Engineers on steam ships should submit evidence of sea service.
Russia	-
Serbia	-
Singapore	Evidence of English is not required.
Slovenia	-
South Africa	Evidence of English is not required. Engineers on steam ships should submit evidence of sea service.
Spain	-
Sri Lanka	Evidence of English is not required.
Sweden	-
Turkey	-
Ukraine	-
Uruguay	-
United Kingdom	Evidence of English not required.
USA	Evidence of English not required.
Vietnam	-

2.2 When a country has employed the “*Principles governing near-coastal voyages*” (STCW I/3) when issuing a Certificate of Competency, any Cayman Islands endorsement issued in recognition of such a certificate will be valid only for those same near-coastal voyages as the underlying Certificate of Competency.

2.3 This list of countries will be updated from time to time and changes will be circulated by the reissue of this Shipping Notice.

3. CERTIFICATES OF MEDICAL FITNESS

3.1 In accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention)(Medical Certification) Regulations, 2014, all seafarers serving on Cayman Islands ships are required to hold a valid medical certificate.

3.2 Medical certificates issued by, or on behalf of, a country listed on the “STCW Whitelist” (the latest revision of IMO Circular MSC.1/Circ. 1163 refers) or a country which has

ratified the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 are accepted for service on Cayman Islands ships. Such certificates should be issued in accordance Regulation I/9 of the STCW Convention.

- 3.3 Accepted countries may be updated from time to time by the reissue of this Shipping Notice.
- 3.4 Medical certificates should clearly state that they are issued by, or on behalf of, the Governments of the above countries. It is insufficient to hold a certificate issued by a doctor residing in the above countries if the certificate is not issued, by or on behalf of, the Government of that country.

4. PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- 4.1 It is a requirement that the officers on board a Cayman Islands ship, both at operational and management level, and irrespective of the common language of the ship, have an appropriate level of proficiency in the English language, commensurate with the functions the officer is permitted to perform.
- 4.2 Officers do not need to demonstrate proficiency in the English language if their CoC was issued by countries where “*Evidence of English is not required*” is indicated in the “Notes” section of the table in Section 2, above.

5 KNOWLEDGE OF MARITIME LEGISLATION

- 5.1 Officers serving at the “management level” (masters, chief officers, chief engineers and second engineers) are required to have an appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of the Administration, relevant to the functions they are permitted to perform.
- 5.2 For officers on Cayman Islands ships this requirement is met by the officer demonstrating knowledge of Cayman Islands Laws and Administrative Procedures (LAP).

6. APPLYING FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE RECOGNITION OF A COC

- 6.1 To apply for an endorsement attesting the recognition of a CoC, please visit <https://www.cishipping.com/services/seafarers>.
- 6.2 Completed applications and supporting documents should be submitted electronically to caymanregistry@cishipping.com, but may also be sent to our offices in George Town (Cayman Islands), Southampton (UK), Fort Lauderdale (USA) or France.
- 6.3 When applying for endorsements, candidates should ensure that applications are complete in all respects and that copies of all required supporting documentation is included with the application.
- 6.4 Applicants should be aware that incomplete applications or missing supporting information can lead to lengthy delays in processing the application.

7. ON BOARD FAMILIARISATION TRAINING

- 7.1 Before being assigned shipboard duties, all seafarers are required to have received familiarization training in accordance with Section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code.