



Circular No.: 009C/TG/01/14

To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Togo Flag

Subject: International Convention on standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as amended- Security Awareness Training or security training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties

Taking into consideration the Philippines MARINA Advisory No. 2013-25 dated 22nd November 2013 and the request of many Registered Owners and Managers of ships flying the Togo flag, I wish to inform you that the Togolese Directorate of Maritime Affairs has decided the following:

1. In accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended, seafarers holding valid ship security officer certificates of proficiency issued in accordance with regulation VI/5 are not required to undergo training in accordance with regulation VI/6 (Security Awareness Training or Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties) of the STCW 78 Convention as amended.
2. Certificate of proficiency issued in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended by or on behalf a Country confirmed by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee to be in White List is accepted for seamen serving on Togo flagged vessels.
3. A Togo endorsement certificate to attest the recognition of a non-Togo certificate of proficiency issued in accordance with regulation VI/5 and VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended, i.e.:
 - Ship Security Officer Certificate;
 - Security Awareness Training Certificate;
 - Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties Certificate;

is not required.

4. **Seafarers who commenced their sea service on board Togo flagged vessels before 09 December 2013 and are not holders of certificates of proficiency for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties issued in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended are exempted from the provisions of this regulation and can remain on board until the end of their contracts but not later than 09 December 2014.**
5. Seafarers who have an approved seagoing service as shipboard personnel, for a period of at least six months in total during the period 01/01/2009-31/12/2011 should, until 31st of January 2014, apply to this Administration for the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended.
6. Every application made for the issue of a Certificate of Proficiency for security awareness training or security training for seafarers with designated security duties in accordance with regulation VI/6 and section A-VI/6 paragraphs 5 and 9 of the STCW 78 Convention as amended must be supported by the following:
 - i) Completed application form
 - ii) Two passport size photographs

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- iii) A letter from the management company or companies, where the seaman is / was employed, attesting the seagoing service of the applicant and whether during this service he / she performed designated security duties on board their ships for a period of at least six months in total during the period from 01st of January 2009 until 31st of December 2011.
- iv) Photocopy of valid Medical fitness certificate
- v) Relevant fees.

We remain at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any further explanations and clarifications that may be required.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Togo flag.

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**For the Ship Registrar of the
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