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To whom it may concern

Polish Maritime Administration informs that all certificates of competency issued in Poland, which are valid over the 1st January 2017, have been issued in accordance with the STCW Convention, as amended (so called STCW Manila Amendments).

Every candidate for certification at the operational or management level is obliged to complete approved training at the operational or management level in deck or engine room department, in accordance with respective Sections of the STCW Code.

According to national law, Polish Maritime Administration issues a certificate of competency once all the respective requirements of the STCW Convention are fulfilled. Bridge resource management, engine room resource management as well as high voltage are all part of the training requirements and competencies covered in the tables A-II/1, A-II/2, A-III/1 and/or A-III/2 of the STCW Code.

Evidence of the appropriate qualifications in bridge resource management, engine room resource management or high voltage training, have all been taken into consideration before any Polish certificates of competency are issued.

Additionally, seafarers meeting requirements for certification at the management level are not required to undertake the additional training in order to revalidate their existing certificates of competency. Holders of Polish certificates of competency in deck or engine room department are all considered to have received this training during their practical onboard training and during their theoretical training – in colleges or training centers.

Therefore all seafarers holding certificates of competency issued by Polish Maritime Administration have all the necessary competence required by the STCW Convention and need not any additional certificates of proficiency related to bridge resource management, engine room resource management or high voltage. If any additional certificate of proficiency is needed, it is clearly stated in the limitations specified on the certificate of competency.

If there is any doubt about the authenticity or validity of any particular certificate, verification ought to be obtained from the Authorities of the issuing Flag State.

The contact address of the issuing Flag State Authorities can be found on the homepage of the IMO www.imo.org under the heading Certificate Verification

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