

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF
TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS FOR
SERVICE ON BOARD VESSELS
REGISTERED IN THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

between

**INSTITUTO MARÍTIMO PORTUÁRIO – IMP (Maritime Administration)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE**

and

**THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

**UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR
SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED**

**RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The **Instituto Marítimo Portuário - IMP**, acting on behalf of the **Republic of Cabo Verde** and the **Maritime Administration of Latvia**, acting on behalf of the **Republic of Latvia** (both hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), for recognition of national certificates under the terms of regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "STCW Convention"), and the Code annexed to the STCW Convention (hereinafter referred to as the "STCW Code"),

HAVING REGARD to the STCW Convention and the STCW Code, and

GUIDED by circular MSC.1/Circ.1450 of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, and

ACTING without prejudice to the national laws of either Party,

HEREBY ENTER this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum"):

Article 1

Definitions and clarifications

1.1. For this Memorandum:

- 1.1.1. **Certificate** means a certificate issued to masters, officers, and GMDSS radio operators in accordance with the provisions of the STCW Convention, entitling the lawful holder thereof to serve in the capacity and perform the functions involved at the level of responsibility specified therein.
- 1.1.2. **Administration** means Maritime Administration of Latvia, the Party that is to recognise the Certificate.
- 1.1.3. **Certificate-issuing Party** means Instituto Marítimo Portuário (Cabo Verde Maritime Administration), the Party that is issuing the Certificate to be recognised.
- 1.1.4. **Endorsement of recognition** means a document issued by the Administration pursuant to regulations I/2 and I/10 of the STCW Convention certifying that the referenced Certificate is duly recognised.

1.2. Terms not defined in this Memorandum shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the STCW Convention unless the context requires otherwise.

Article 2

Officials responsible for implementing the Memorandum

The officials designated to be directly responsible for implementing this Memorandum and for liaison between the Parties are as follows:

For Certificate-issuing Party:		For Administration:	
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Article 3

Application

This Memorandum is applicable with respect to seafarers holding Certificates issued by the Certificate-issuing Party in accordance with the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention and serving on board ships flying the flag of the Administration.

Article 4

Recognition of the Certificate

- 4.1. Pursuant to the provisions of regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, the Administration shall recognise, by issuing an Endorsement of Recognition, the Certificates issued by the Certificate-issuing Party, whereby the latter shall ensure the following:
- 4.1.1. the training and assessment of competence of its seafarers are undertaken in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code;
 - 4.1.2. those responsible for the training and assessment of competence referred to in the preceding paragraph are appropriately qualified in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 of the STCW Code;
 - 4.1.3. all education, training, assessment of competence, certification, endorsement, and revalidation activities are continuously monitored through a quality standards system in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/8 of the STCW Code; and
 - 4.1.4. Endorsement of Certificates issued is carried out in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/2, paragraph 5 of the STCW Convention.

- 4.2. Where a seafarer presents, for recognition, a Certificate issued under regulations II/2, III/2 or III/3, or issued under regulation VII/1 at the management level, the Administration will not recognise the Certificate unless it is satisfied that the seafarer has an appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of the Administration relevant to the functions the seafarer is permitted to perform.
- 4.3. The Certificate-issuing Party shall notify the Administration of any significant changes in the arrangements for training and certification provided in compliance with the STCW Convention within thirty (30) days from the application of such changes. As a minimum, significant changes should be understood to include:
 - 4.3.1. changes in the position, address, or access information for the official responsible for implementing this Memorandum;
 - 4.3.2. changes affecting the procedures set forth in this Memorandum; and
 - 4.3.3. changes which amount to substantial differences from the information communicated to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization pursuant to section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.
- 4.4. The Administration may request the following information from the Certificate-issuing Party, in which case it shall be provided within thirty (30) days:
 - 4.4.1. results of independent evaluations conducted by the Certificate-issuing Party in accordance with regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention; and
 - 4.4.2. reports of the steps taken by the Certificate-issuing Party to implement any subsequent amendments to the STCW Convention and STCW Code in accordance with section A-I/7, paragraph 5 of the STCW Code.

Article 5

Suspension, revocation, and withdrawal of the Certificate or the Endorsement of Recognition

- 5.1. The Certificate-issuing Party shall, within five (5) working days, notify the Administration of any suspension, revocation and withdrawal of the Certificate issued by it, as well as stating the reasons for doing so.
- 5.2. The Administration shall, within five (5) working days, notify the Certificate-issuing Party of the circumstances when it has suspended, revoked, or withdrawn its Endorsement of Recognition for disciplinary or other reasons.

Article 6

Visit procedures

- 6.1. The Administration may, in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention and subject to the consent of the Certificate-issuing Party, visit the facilities, observe the procedures, or review the policies which have been approved or employed by the Certificate-issuing Party for meeting the requirements of the STCW Convention regarding:
 - 6.1.1. standards of competence;

- 6.1.2. training;
 - 6.1.3. the issue, endorsement, revalidation, and revocation of the Certificates;
 - 6.1.4. record-keeping;
 - 6.1.5. medical standards;
 - 6.1.6. quality standards; and
 - 6.1.7. communication and response process to requests for verifications.
- 6.2. When requesting a visit, the Administration shall issue a notification at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the visit, either by an official correspondence or e-mail, whereby such notification shall include the following:
- 6.2.1. the purpose of the visit and the facilities to be visited;
 - 6.2.2. procedures or policies that will be reviewed during the visit; and
 - 6.2.3. a list of the names of visiting personnel of the Administration.

Article 7

Verification of validity and authenticity of the Certificate

- 7.1. Pursuant to the requirements of the STCW Convention, the Administration may verify the validity and authenticity, or contents of the Certificates issued by the Certificate-issuing Party, and resolve questions that may arise thereof, by official correspondence or e-mail, whereas a response to the verification request shall, either by fax or e-mail, be made by the Certificate-issuing Party within five (5) working days after receipt of such request.
- 7.2. If either Party changes its postal address, contact telephone or fax numbers, or e-mail address referred to in Article 2 of this Memorandum, the other Party shall be notified of these changes immediately.

Article 6

Certificate format

The Certificate-issuing Party shall provide the Administration with specimens of the Certificates issued by it, and any modifications made thereof.

Article 7

Settlement of disputes

The Parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Memorandum or the interpretation thereof.

Article 8

Entry into force, validity, amendment, and termination of the Memorandum

- 8.1. This Memorandum shall come into force on the date of the signature of the second Party to sign this Memorandum.

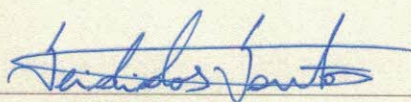
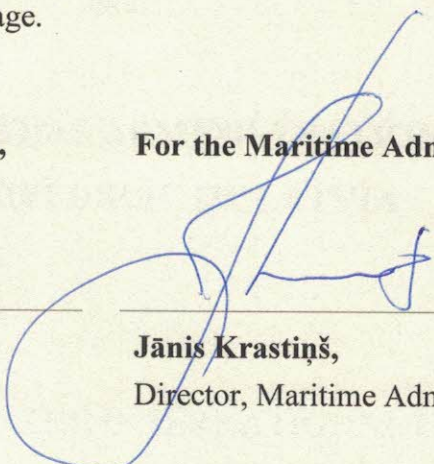
- 8.2. This Memorandum shall be valid for an initial period of five (5) years and shall be automatically extended for further periods of five (5) years unless either Party submits a written notice of termination thereof to the other Party six (6) months prior to the expiration of this Memorandum or any subsequent five-year period.
- 8.3. This Memorandum may be amended with the consent of both Parties, and any amendments decided upon by the Parties will come into effect when confirmed in writing by the Parties.
- 8.4. This Memorandum may be terminated or suspended by either Party, subject to a written notification being sent to the other Party thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination or suspension, in case of any of the following events:
- 8.4.1. if the country of the Certificate-issuing Party fails to retain its name on the list of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization which confirms that parties continue to give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention in accordance with the MSC.1/Circ.1164, as revised; or
- 8.4.2. if either Party fails to carry out its obligations specified in this Memorandum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Memorandum.

DONE in duplicate in the English language.

For the Instituto Marítimo Portuário,

For the Maritime Administration of Latvia,

Seidi dos Santos,
President of the Board of Directors

Jānis Krastiņš,
Director, Maritime Administration of Latvia


Signed at S. Vicente, Cabo Verde

Signed at Riga, Latvia

Dated this 30 day of JAN 2022
2023

Dated this 21 day of DEC 2022




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