

IPTM - Portuguese Maritime Administration

Subject: Recognition of certificates of competency — management level
Knowledge of Portuguese Maritime Legislation

According with paragraph 2, Rule 1/10 of the Convention STCW 78, as amended, and paragraph 5 of Annex II of Directive 2008/106/EC from 19th of November, each Administration shall establish measures to ensure that seafarers who present for recognition, certificates issued under the provisions of regulations 11/2, 111/2 or 111/3, at the management level, have appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of the Administration, relevant to the functions they are permitted to perform.

The Portuguese maritime administration in order to fulfill the above mentioned requirement, will apply the following procedures:

1. The seafarers mentioned on preamble have to pass successfully a test:
 - a. At the time of the first application for the Portuguese recognition;
 - b. At the time of the application for renewal of the recognition, if the seafarer will not be able to show 1 year of sea service on Portuguese flagged ships
2. To each seafarer (management level) will be delivered a booklet which will be numbered and identified with the seafarer name. This booklet shall be with the seafarer all the time.
3. In the end of the booklet, on a detachable part, there is a numbered written test, which must be completed by the seafarer.
4. Also in the detachable part there is a statement that have to be signed by the master of the vessel and the DPA (designated person ashore) attesting that the test was made by the seafarer identified on the booklet and it's completion reflects the knowledge of the seafarer.
5. After completion the test has to be sent to the Portuguese maritime administration, within 2 months counting from the statement (SRA) issuing date.
6. The Portuguese maritime administration evaluates the results of the test:
 - a. If satisfactory (75%), the endorsement may be issued (without prejudice of other requirements);
 - b. No satisfactory — the test must be repeated.
7. In case of non-compliance or suspicious of non-compliance, inspections will take place to verify the procedures.

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8. Randomly audits may take place in order to verify the compliance of procedures and knowledge of the seafarers.
9. Transitory measures:

Tests and statements (to be sign by the master and DPA) will be sent on request to the seafarers that have applied for recognition prior to the date of entry into force of this circular.
10. This procedure will enter into force on the 1st of February 2012.

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