

**Circular 142 / 2016**

**To: Seafarers, Masters, Crewing Agents, Managers, and Owners**

**Subject: Paris MoU Inspection of Seafarer Certification after 1 January 2017**

**Date: 17 January 2017**

**Summary**

Paris MoU has issued the circular below concerning the approach of PSCOs during the verification of Seafarer Certification concerning the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments on the STCW Convention -

Certification for seafarers is verified during each PSC inspection. On 1 January 2017 new STCW requirements enter into force and seafarers may need new certificates.

In line with a recommendation from the International Maritime Organization (MSC.1/Circ.1560), the Paris MoU has agreed on a harmonized approach.

In cases where a seafarer's documentation complied with the requirements in force immediately before 1 January 2017, but was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, PSCOs should take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections until 1 July 2017.

When a deficiency is found this will **not** result in the ship being detained.

However, a deficiency may be recorded and the master will be instructed to rectify the deficiency before 1 July 2017.

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