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As well known, STCW 2010 Manila amendments shall come into force on 1 January 2017. For the purpose of minimizing the problems that may be encountered on the implementation of relevant amendments, the Circular No: MSC.1/Circ. 1560 was published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on 5 December 2016.

Information about the approach to the practice in question during the inspections which will be performed within the scope of the Paris Port State Control Memoranda of Understanding (Paris MoU) , was published on the website of Paris MoU on 23 December 2016. It is stated that, within the scope of the practice in question, an approach harmonized with the provisions mentioned in the IMO Circular No: MSC.1/Circ. 1560 , has been adopted by Paris MoU and the control of seafarer documents that have to be harmonized with the new regulation until 1 January 2017 , shall be performed in a tactful and practical manner until 01 July 2017, and, in case of any deficiency, the ship shall not be subject to detention but the shipmaster shall be warned and asked to eliminate such deficiency until 1 July 2017.

In this scope, the seafarers of the ships sailing to the ports of the states that are a member of Paris MoU have to hold the certificates harmonized with STCW 2010 amendments and the ship owners/operators have to assign aboard the seafarers who hold the certificates suitable for the specifications of the relevant ship.

On the other hand, regarding the manning in Turkish flagged ships, it is expressed that the detentions arising from lack of seafarers/seafarer documents during Paris MoU inspections, may be prevented if Ship Owners/Operators consider, in addition to the number of crew mentioned in the Minimum Safe Manning Document, ship-specific matters such as type of ship, number and type of main propulsion units and auxiliaries, construction and equipment of the ship, length of voyage, frequency of port call, level of ship automation, cargo to be carried, maintenance of all operations in a safe manner, compliance of work hour limits and rest hour requirements with International Standards mentioned in the IMO Circular No: A. 1047 (27).

Besides , the requirements which were stated in the abovementioned IMO Circular No: MSC.1/Circ.1560 , shall be taken into consideration during the PSC inspections which will be performed onboard of foreign flagged ships at our National Ports within the scope of Black Sea MOU and Mediterranean Sea MoU as we are a party for these MOU's

Kindly be informed and act accordingly

On behalf of the Minister  
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