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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Charterers, Ship Masters and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT: Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Endorsement (COE) for crew onboard Kiribati Ships

About STCW and STCW-F

The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has adopted special measures to enhance maritime safety.

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 was adopted 7 July 1978 and came into force 28 April 1984. The 1995 amendments, which completely revised the Convention, came into force 1 February 1997.

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F), 1995 was adopted 7 July 1995.

The Kiribati Ship Registry (KSR) is the Administration responsible for ensuring the implementation on Kiribati-registered ships. As a responsible flag state, KSR informs of the information provided in this circular.

Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Endorsement (COE)

The Kiribati Ship Registry informs that all officers working onboard Kiribati Ships are required to apply for a Kiribati Certificate of Endorsement (COE).

Please be reminded that keeping photocopies of crew certificates onboard Kiribati Ships is insufficient for port state control inspection. The original crew Certificates of Competency (COC) and Certificates of Endorsement (COE) should be maintained onboard Kiribati Ships in case of any inspection. Failure to comply could result in detention and penalties will apply.

Please refer to KSR Circular 6-2008 for information and penalties relating to crew certificates related deficiencies.

All KSR Circulars and the Kiribati Merchant Shipping Act 2006 can be found on the KSR website at <http://www.kiribaship.com>.

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