



## **KPI Information Update IU-98-2016** **(2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978)**

All seafarers serving on board ships shall be in possession of their original certificates and endorsements meeting the requirements of 2010 Manila amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watch keeping (STCW) for Seafarers 1978, as amended, on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 marked as the transitional date by Regulation I/15 of Chapter I of the said Convention.

The Maritime Safety Committee at its 97<sup>th</sup> session held in November 2016, by approving MSC.1/Circ.1560, was particularly concerned about and regretted the fact that, so close to the end of the transitional period, seafarers in some States were reportedly unable to obtain certificates and/or the necessary endorsements required by regulation I/10 meeting the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention.

The Committee, therefore, urged all concerned, including certificate-issuing Parties and Administrations, to do their utmost to ensure that seafarers were issued with the appropriate certificates and necessary endorsements. The Committee recognized that some seafarers on board ships may not yet

hold their certificates or flag State endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila Amendments to the Convention and urged port State control authorities to take the above factors into consideration when taking action under the control procedures in article X and regulation I/4 of the STCW Convention. The Committee agreed that, 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, port State control authorities, until 1 July 2017, were recommended to take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections and to notify the ships, seafarers and Administrations concerned accordingly.

The Committee also recommended that Administrations should inform recognized organizations issuing ISM Code certification under SOLAS 74 that, until 1 July 2017, if a seafarer's documentation was not in accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, it would be sufficient to inform the Administration when assessing compliance with the provisions of the ISM Code.