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Ship Security Officer (SSO) Certification & Training

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers, Seafarers serving on board Gibraltar-registered vessels.

1. The training and certification of Ship Security Officers (SSOs) has been incorporated into the STCW Convention / Code.
2. All seafarers designated as SSOs serving on board Gibraltar-registered vessels have been required to hold a Certificate of Proficiency in accordance with Reg. VI/5 of the STCW Convention dated as from the 1st January 2009.
3. These Certificates of Proficiency must be issued by one of the Administrations (STCW Convention Party States) recognised by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration (GMA), a list of which is available on our website:

<http://www.gibmaritime.com/seafarers.php>

4. Any SSO Certificates of Proficiency issued before the 1st January 2009 will be accepted up to the 1st July 2009 on board Gibraltar-registered vessels.
5. All holders of SSO Certificates should contact their maritime training providers / Administration to ensure that their training and certification are up-to-date.
6. Any seafarer who has been designated as the SSO of a Gibraltar-registered ship must send a copy of their Certificate of Proficiency (issued under Reg. VI/5 of the Convention) to the GMA, whose details are below.
7. Seafarers applying for a Gibraltar Recognition Endorsement should send these copies along with their application documents.
8. Seafarers who hold United Kingdom Certificates of Competency or Certificates of Equivalent Competency should send these copies directly to the GMA.

9. All copies should be certified correct and electronic copies will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
10. Any updates to these requirements will be communicated to all of our clients via future Shipping Information Notices.
11. Any queries or problems should be forwarded to:

**The Registrar of Ships
Gibraltar Ship Registry**

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