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To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Local Representatives

STCW Endorsements for Officers serving on Gibraltar Registered Ships

1. **The attention of all DPA's, Crewing Managers and Operators of Gibraltar registered ships is drawn to the requirement for all STCW Endorsements issued after 15 May 2010 and which expire before 31 December 2012 to be re-issued to ensure these STCW Endorsements are accepted by PSC Officers.**
2. All Convention Certificates issued by Gibraltar carry a footnote agreed with the maritime world which states;
 - a. "This certificate is issued under the responsibility of the UK as the flag state under the Convention"
3. It has been pointed out that STCW Endorsements issued after 15 may 2010 and 1 May 2012 do not have this footnote.
4. The GMA has identified there are approximately 4,000 of these Endorsement and this SGN describes the procedure which will be used to re-issue and recover these Endorsements
 - a. The GMA will prepare replacement Endorsements for the 4,000 Officers who have been identified. These will be available by the end of October.
 - b. Those for whom the GMA have E mail addresses will be contacted to ascertain they still require the endorsement
 - c. Where a company or crewing agents applied for the endorsement they will be contacted with a request to confirm these officers are still attached to the company. If this is the case the endorsements will be forwarded to the

company concerned with a requirement the original Endorsement is returned within 30 days.

- d. Any remaining Endorsements issued by the GMA which are not replaced by the new format by 31 December 2012 will become invalid.
5. There will be no charge for the above actions.
 6. It is in all parties' best interests to ensure that this exercise is completed as efficiently as possible to avoid any possible detrimental actions by PSC Officers in 2013 and I would ask for your full cooperation.

Alan Cubbin
Maritime Administrator

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