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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dispensations issued under Article VIII of the STCW Convention

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on the submissions made by Parties in accordance with Article VIII of the STCW Convention on dispensations granted by them during the years 1996 and 1997.

Action to be taken: Paragraph 3

Related documents: None

1 Article VIII of the 1978 STCW Convention - Dispensations, requires that Parties "as soon as possible after 1 January of each year, send a report to the Secretary-General giving information of the total number of dispensations in respect of each capacity for which a certificate is required that have been issued during the year to sea-going ships, together with information as to the numbers of those ships above and below 1,600 gross register tons respectively".

2 In accordance with the said Article, the Secretary-General has been notified by a number of Parties of dispensations they granted during the years 1996 and 1997. The information, provided by the Governments of Finland (for 1996) and Barbados, Belize, Greece, Ecuador, Italy, Liberia, the Marshall Islands, Portugal, United Kingdom and Vanuatu (for 1997), is summarized in the attached annex in the format approved by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 52/28, paragraph 25.9) at its fifty-second session.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

3 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the information provided and decide as appropriate.

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ANNEX

**REPORTS ON DISPENSATIONS ISSUED UNDER
ARTICLE VIII OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION**

Period: 1996 and 1997

PARTY		CHAPTER II - DECK DEPARTMENT						CHAPTER III - ENGINE DEPARTMENT						REMARKS
	Cert	MASTER		CHIEF MATE		O.I.C. WATCH		CHIEF ENGINEER		SECOND ENGINEER		O.I.C. WATCH		
	GRT	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	
1996														
Finland*		00	08	01	03	03	03	00	00	01	02	00	00	
1997														
Barbados		01	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Belize		00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Greece		00	00	04	00	02	00	00	00	350	00	00	00	
Ecuador		00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Italy		00	02	01	00	00	00	00	01	02	00	02	00	Dispensation for a period of three months

*The Finnish Maritime Administration indicated that the manning requirements in Finland exceed to some extent the STCW Convention requirements and some dispensations are not therefore dispensations in respect of the Convention.

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	GRT	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	1,600+	<1,600	
Liberia		00	00	01	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Marshall Is.		00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
Portugal		00	00	03	04	03	01	09	06	02	05	27	38	Also, 2 dispensations for radio - <1600 GRT
United Kingdom		07	10	02	10	01	24	04	01	01	00	00	00	
Vanuatu		00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	01	