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Dispensations issued under Article VIII of the STCW Convention

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document provides information on submissions made by STCW Parties in accordance with Article VIII of the STCW Convention on dispensations granted by them during the years 1997 and 1998

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 1997 and 1998. The information, provided by the Governments of Finland (for 1997) and Barbados, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, South Africa and United Kingdom (for 1998), is summarized in the attached annex. As a number of Parties have elected to replace 1,600 gross registered tons by 3,000 gross tonnage on certificates, the format for reporting to the Sub-Committee approved by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 52/28, paragraph 25.9) has been amended to include information presented by Parties on the numbers of ships above and below 3,000 GT..

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: 1997 and 1998

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 GT	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	
1997														
Finland*		-	7	2	2	1	8	-	2	4	1	1	-	
1998														
Barbados		1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	
Ecuador		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2*	-	*Includes 1 electrician
Finland		-	7	2	1	2	5	-	-	5	-	3	1	
Italy		-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	8	-	1	-	For a period of three months
Poland		-	-	-	-	4	7	-	-	12	1	2	1	For a period of six months
Portugal		-	1	5	-	-	-	15	7	7	1	30	42	Radio

*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 GT	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	1,600+ 3,000+	<1,600 <3,000	
														<3,000 1
South Africa		3	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	
United Kingdom		-	2	1	4	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	