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FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE 1995 STCW CONFERENCE

Maintenance of records relating to approved seagoing service

Submitted by the Republic of Croatia

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document draws the attention of the Sub-Committee to maintenance of records relating to approved seagoing service and proposes development of guidance on the maintenance of such records.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5.
<i>Related documents:</i>	None.

1 Paragraph 1.1 of section A-I/11 of the STCW Code requires that continued professional competence as required for revalidation of the certificates under regulation I/11 of the STCW 1978 Convention, as amended, hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”, shall be established by approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least one year in total during preceding five years.

2 Croatian legislation dealing with this issue, regulates the procedure for the recognition of the seagoing service on the ships flying foreign flags in compliance with national requirements of the flag state, since almost 80% of the Croatian seafarers are sailing on foreign ships. While implementing requirements of the Convention and the STCW Code, mentioned in the previous paragraph, during the process of the revalidation of the certificates we have found difficult to compare and validate records of seagoing service kept in accordance with different national legislations.

3 The records of seagoing service on the Croatian ships beside other details (size of the ship, port of registry, capacity, category of navigation etc.) include reference to the ship’s log book in the seaman’s book, which enables our representatives in Croatia and abroad to compare the data in the ship’s log book

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and records of the seagoing service. The reference to the ship's log book in the Croatian seaman's book is made by entering the number of the corresponding page(s) of the log book which is related to the seaman (for example pages of the log book containing notes on the date and place of joining or leaving the ship). Such data are checked and endorsed by the representative of the Croatian Maritime Administration or Croatian diplomatic or consular representative. Only after such examination seagoing service on board the Croatian ships can be approved. Our experience is that such practice reduces the risk of issuing certificates without an in-depth examination of the continued professional competence established by seagoing service.

4 Therefore, in our opinion, there is a need for further harmonization of the procedures for the assessment of the records relating to the seagoing service in order to ensure a uniform approach towards revalidation of the certificates on the basis of approved seagoing service. The Republic of Croatia proposes development of guidelines for the maintenance of records relating to seagoing service, based on the draft in the annex.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

5 The Republic of Croatia invites the Sub-Committee to consider the proposal in paragraph 4 under agenda item "Follow-up Action to the 1995 STCW Conference"

ANNEX

DRAFT PROPOSAL OF THE FORM FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS
RELATING TO SEAGOING SERVICE

- ☐ NAME OF SEAMAN :.....
- ☐ DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:
- ☐ CAPACITY:.....
- ☐ NAME OF SHIP:.....
- ☐ PORT OF REGISTRY:.....
- ☐ TYPE OF VESSEL:.....
- ☐ OFFICIAL NUMBER:
- ☐ GROSS TONNAGE:
- ☐ POWER OF THE MAIN PROPULSION (kW):
- ☐ DESCRIPTION OF VOYAGE (CATEGORY OF NAVIGATION):
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- ☐ DATE AND PLACE OF JOINING:.....
- ☐ DATE AND PLACE OF LEAVING:

During the period of engagement stated above, the above named person was granted no leave or absence.

Signature of Master:.....

Date of issue:.....

Ship's stamp:

Corresponding page(s) in the ship's log book relating to the above named seaman:

Endorsement by Administration or diplomatic or consular representative:

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