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**Notice to: Notice to Seafarer Recruitment and placement Service Providers, Sri Lankan Ship-Owners and Operators**

**ISSUANCE OF CONTINUOUS DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE (CDC) TO A PERSON WHO INTENDS TO EMPLOY ONBOARD A SHIP TO PERFORM A SPECIFIC TASK**

**1.0 Application**

- 1.1. The conditions specified herein are applicable for a person who intends to employ onboard a ship to perform a specific task (not forming part of the minimum safe manning scale of the ship).
- 1.2. Any person, who fulfills the requirements referred in paragraph 2.0 for the issue of a CDC, may submit a request letter to the Merchant Shipping Secretariat together with documentary evidence to show his/her eligibility.

**2.0 Requirements**

**2.1 Qualifications**

- a) shall have undergone a relevant training programme/course recognized by the Government leading to a certificate/Diploma/Higher Diploma or NVQ level certification; or
- b) working experience of at least 06 months in a relevant field; and

**2.2 Employment offer from a shipping company ; and**

- 2.3 A valid medical fitness certificate issued in accordance with the requirements of STCW Convention/ Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers) Regulations by an approved medical practitioner; and
- 2.4 Shall have completed the following basic familiarization courses at an approved training institute and hold certificates to that effect:
- a) Personal Survival Techniques;
  - b) Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting;
  - c) Elementary First Aid;
  - d) Personal Safety and Social Responsibility; and
  - e) Security Awareness.

### **3.0 Pathway to Obtain Qualifications under STCW**

- 3.1 The sea service gained while employed on a specific category onboard a ship will not be considered for any examination or issuance of certificates under STCW.
- 3.2 The seafarer who intends to obtain qualifications as per the STCW shall undergo relevant pre-sea training course and other required courses as specified in the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers) Regulations, 2016, as amended.

### **4.0 Definitions**

- 4.1 In this notice;

“shipping company” means the owner of the ship or another organization or person, such as the manager, agent or bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over the duties and responsibilities imposed on ship-owners in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention, regardless of whether any other organization or persons fulfill certain of the duties or responsibilities on behalf of the ship-owner.

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