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LETTERA CIRCOLARE

**Argomento: Implementazione della Convenzione STCW come emendata –
MSC.1/Circ.1560 del 5 dicembre 2016**

Dal 21 al 25 novembre u.s. si è tenuto a Londra presso l'IMO il 97esimo Comitato sulla Sicurezza Marittima (MSC 97) al quale ha preso parte anche una delegazione di questo Reparto.

Nell'ambito della discussione in plenaria dell'argomento relativo alla Convenzione STCW è stata evidenziata la criticità, per molti Stati, di poter adeguare, nei tempi previsti, la certificazione di tutto il personale marittimo interessato dagli emendamenti alla Convenzione in vigore dal 1° gennaio 2017, in considerazione della complessità dei nuovi corsi di formazione richiesti e del numero dei marittimi coinvolti.

Il Comitato ha convenuto sulla necessità della predisposizione di una circolare, elaborata dai rappresentanti di un gruppo ristretto di Stati membri cui ha partecipato personale dello scrivente Reparto, con cui si raccomanda, soprattutto alle autorità di PSC e fino al 1° luglio 2017, di adottare un approccio pragmatico e pratico nella verifica della conformità della certificazione secondo gli emendamenti Manila.

Tale documento, che si trasmette in allegato, lungi dal costituire presupposto per un rallentamento delle attività di competenza per l'adeguamento della certificazione del personale marittimo, rappresenta invece un possibile strumento, per gli operatori e per i marittimi, in caso di ispezione PSC e per assicurare un approccio sereno in caso di eventuali "smagliature" dell'attuale processo certificativo, complesso e problematico ma ormai in via di completamento.

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**ADVICE FOR PARTIES, ADMINISTRATIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES
AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN CASES WHERE
NOT ALL SEAFARERS CARRY CERTIFICATES AND ENDORSEMENTS MEETING THE
2010 MANILA AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CONVENTION AND CODE FROM
1 JANUARY 2017**

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-seventh session (21 to 25 November 2016), expressed concern about the implementation of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, in light of the imminent end, on 1 January 2017, of the transitional provisions laid down in the STCW Convention, regulation I/15.
- 2 The Committee noted that a large number of certificates needed to be issued by certificate-issuing Parties confirming that their seafarers complied with the provisions of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, and further noted that the provisions of regulation I/10 required Administrations to issue endorsements to masters, officers and radio personnel for service on their ships.
- 3 The Committee was particularly concerned about and regretted the fact that, so close to the end of the transitional period, seafarers in some States were reportedly unable to obtain certificates and/or the necessary endorsements required by regulation I/10 meeting the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention.
- 4 The Committee, therefore, urged all concerned, including certificate-issuing Parties and Administrations, to do their utmost to ensure that seafarers were issued with the appropriate certificates and necessary endorsements.
- 5 The Committee recognized that some seafarers on board ships may not yet hold their certificates or flag State endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila Amendments to the Convention and urged port State control authorities to take the above factors into consideration when taking action under the control procedures in article X and regulation I/4 of the STCW Convention. The Committee agreed that, in cases where a seafarer's documentation complied with the requirements in force immediately before 1 January 2017, but was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, port State control authorities, until 1 July 2017, were recommended to take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections and to notify the ships, seafarers and Administrations concerned accordingly.

6 The Committee also recommended that Administrations should inform recognized organizations issuing ISM Code certification under SOLAS 74 that, until 1 July 2017, if a seafarer's documentation was not in accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, it would be sufficient to inform the Administration when assessing compliance with the provisions of the ISM Code.

7 Member States are invited to be guided accordingly and to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all concerned, especially port State control authorities and recognized organizations.
