

Memorandum of Agreement on the recognition of certificates of competency and training of seafarers between the Government of Uruguay as represented by the Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante and the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas as represented by the Bahamas Maritime Authority

1. This Memorandum of Agreement is made pursuant to paragraph 1.2 of Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, (the STCW Convention) and Section A-I/10 of the STCW Code between the Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante representing the Government of Uruguay and the Bahamas Maritime Authority representing the Government of The Bahamas.
2. It is agreed that the Bahamas Maritime Authority shall recognise the certificates of competency issued by the Government of Uruguay in accordance with the STCW Convention, as amended, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/10 of the said Convention subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
3. All communications arising from this agreement shall be made to the persons named below:

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The Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante and the Bahamas Maritime Authority agree to give prompt notification of any changes in the above particulars.

4. The Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante agrees:
 - (a) to provide the Bahamas Maritime Authority with details of the arrangements for the training and certification of seafarers in Uruguay, as requested;
 - (b) to notify the Bahamas Maritime Authority within ninety days of any changes in the arrangements for training and certification of seafarers in Uruguay;

- (c) to make available for inspection its approved training courses, facilities and procedures by the Bahamas Maritime Authority;
- (d) to respond promptly to requests for verification of the authenticity and validity of Uruguay certificates from the Bahamas Maritime Authority; and
- (e) to provide details of the quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with Regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention, on request.

5. The Bahamas Maritime Authority agrees:

- (a) to provide the Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante with the procedures to be followed in issuing an endorsement attesting the recognition of certificates; including that for the suspension or cancellation of any endorsement of recognition for disciplinary reasons;
- (b) to provide the Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante with the details of Bahamian legislation as required by officers in accordance with paragraph 2 of Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention; and
- (c) to promptly advise the Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante of the cancellation or suspension of any endorsement attesting the recognition of Uruguay certificates, or the refusal to issue any endorsement of recognition.

6. This agreement may be terminated by either party without notice if at any time the Government of one of the parties renounces the STCW Convention or fails without reasonable cause to implement any amendment thereto.

7. This agreement may be terminated by either party giving not less than one year's notice in writing.

8. This agreement shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years and may be amended with the agreement of both parties. Unless notice of termination has been given by either party, this undertaking shall automatically be extended for successive periods of five (5) years, each party reserving the right to terminate the undertaking upon notice of at least twelve (12) months.

For the Dirección Registral y de Marina Mercante:

Signature:

Name:

DIRECTOR REGISTRAL Y DE MARINA MERCANTE
Jefe de Navío (CIME)
ARIEL RESSIA

Date:

29 Oct. 2001.

For the Bahamas Maritime Authority:

Signature:

Name: John Mervyn Jones, Director



Date: 3 August 2001