



## BARBADOS SHIPS' REGISTRY

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Comando General de la Armada 1er.piso  
Montevideo CP11000  
Uruguay

Dear Sirs

**Recognition of Certificates of Competence under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995, Regulation 1/10.**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Shipping (Endorsement) Regulations, 2001. These Regulations govern the way in which this office will recognise certificates of competency pursuant to the STCW Convention, Regulation 1/10.

We set out below for your information the terms under which we will recognise certificates of competence issued by your authority, and would be obliged if you would confirm your agreement by signing and returning to us where indicated on the enclosed copy.

1. The Barbados Ships' Registry, as an Agency of the Barbados Ministry of Tourism and International Transport, deals with the recognition of certificates of competence and the subsequent issue of Endorsement Documents.
2. The Principal Registrar, based at Barbados Ships' Registry, Barbados High Commission, 1 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3ND, United Kingdom, is the designated official responsible on behalf of the Barbados Government for implementation of STCW95.
3. In general terms, it is our intention to accept only those certificates of competency issued by or on behalf of a country deemed to be compliant with STCW95. As part of the criteria for acceptance, a certificate issuing country must be listed by IMO as being compliant by appearing in the 'White List', or have written confirmation from IMO to the effect that it is compliant. We will not, however, recognise certificates issued by 'third party' issuers or parties who do not train and examine seafarers in full compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention.
4. Should we request a visit to view the facilities, observe the procedures and/or review the policies of your certificate issuing authority, such a request will be made in writing by the Principal Registrar or his designated deputy. Upon your written consent, a mutually acceptable date, time and duration for an inspection visit will be agreed between us.
5. If requested by this Agency, your authority will permit us access to data from any quality standards evaluations (in accordance with STCW Reg. 1/8) conducted by you as the certificate-issuing Party. This Agency has a Quality System which is accredited by Lloyds Register Quality Assurance to ISO9002-94, and is therefore independently evaluated and audited.




6. When seeking to verify the validity or content of a certificate issued by your authority we may contact you by fax, letter or e-mail as appropriate. Any such communication will contain all the principal details of the certificate being verified. If there is likely to be a delay in your response for any reason we request that we be advised of the difficulty as soon as practicable.
7. In the event that we withdraw or revoke our endorsement of recognition, whether for disciplinary or other reasons, you will be advised by the Principal Registrar or his designated representative in writing of the reasons for the action taken.
8. As a certificate-issuing party, you will notify the Principal Registrar at Barbados Ships' Registry of any significant changes in the arrangements for training and certification provided in compliance with the Convention, where the changes include:
  - a) A change of position, address or access information for the responsible official
  - b) Any material change in procedures
  - c) Any change substantially different from the information communicated to the Secretary-General pursuant to Section A- 1/7 of the STCW Code.
9. This Agreement will remain valid unless and until revoked by either party in writing.
10. Notwithstanding the date appended to this agreement, the Barbados Ships' Registry confirms that endorsement documents already issued to officers under the provisions of STCW95 remain valid until their expiry date, unless otherwise revoked.

Please indicate your acceptance of the terms of this Agreement by printing, signing and dating both copies of this letter and returning one copy in the self-addressed envelope enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully

  
Principal Registrar (ag)  
Barbados Ships' Registry

I confirm I have read and understood the terms of the Agreement, which is accepted by virtue of my signature hereunder written:

  
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(Signed)

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Name and position of signatory