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To : CHINA MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Representatives of Gabon flagged vessels, Deputy Registrars, Ship-owners & Ship-operators/ Managers, Masters, Recognized Organisations and Flag State Surveyors.

Subject: Recognition of Certificates of Competency issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration.

Purpose-

This Maritime Circular provides attestation for recognition of Certificates of Competency (CoC) issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/10 of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended.

Gabon Maritime Administration issues certificates of Flag State Endorsements to Masters, Officers, GMDSS Radio Operators and/ or other applicable seafarers, who are certified by the China Maritime Safety Administration.

Application-

This circular applies to all vessels registered under Gabon Flag.

Information-

- a. Gabon Maritime Administration attests the recognition of the Certificates of Competency (CoC) issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration (China MSA).
- b. Seafarers in possession of a valid Certificate of Competency issued by the China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) and have a Certificate of Endorsement (CoE) issued by Gabon Maritime Administration are allowed to serve onboard Gabonese flagged vessels.
- c. Gabon Administration recognizes CoCs issued by the China MSA, on the basis that complete information as prescribed in article IV and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code has

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been communicated by China MSA to the Secretary General of IMO and such information is confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention.

- d. Gabon Administration confirms that negotiations will be initiated to sign an undertaking agreement between the Government of the Republic of Gabon and the Government of China, as per the requirements of STCW Regulation I/10 and IMO Guidelines MSC.1/Circ.1450.
- e. This circular is in force with immediate effect.

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