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Subject: Verification of documents of seafarers

It has come to the notice of the Directorate that inspite of taking all preventive measures a few cases have been detected of persons obtaining employment in ships with fraudulent certificate of competency and other documents.

As per STCW 95, under the Regulation I/14 it is required that the Company shall ensure that each seafarer assigned to any of its ships holds an appropriate certificate in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention. Similarly as per the ISM Code, it is the responsibility of the Company to ensure by careful scrutiny of all related documents that each ship is manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers.

In view of the above all Shipping Companies, Recruitment and Placement Services and Agencies are advised to ensure that all documents of the seafarers are verified for their authenticity and validity prior to the seafarer joining any of their vessels.

Non-compliance of this circular will attract penal provision under M.S. Act and rules framed thereunder.

This issue with the approval of Chief Examiner of Engineers & Master and Mates.

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