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# INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED

# Communication received from the Government of Malta

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith a communication received from the Government of Malta, as set out in the annex, providing information on fraudulent certificates.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

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#### **ANNEX**



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# Transport Malta

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## Fraudulent STCW Training Certificates

Sir,

The Merchant Shipping Directorate of the Authority for Transport in Malta wishes to bring to your attention and to all interested parties the following communication:

The Merchant Shipping Directorate of the Authority for Transport in Malta (Transport Malta) has been made aware of STCW training certificates issued under Chapters V and VI of the STCW Convention, as amended by a training centre purporting to be approved by Transport Malta.

The certificates issued by Anchor Maritime Training Center Inc. which were received for verification by this Directorate have been issued for the following courses:

- Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training for Personnel Providing Direct Services to Passengers to Passengers in Passenger Space (sic.)
- Proficiency Crisis Management and Human Behaviour Training Including Passenger Safety, Cargo Safety and Hull Integrity Training (sic.)
- Basic Safety Maritime Training Course (sic.)
- Security Awareness Training for all Seafarers (sic.)

This Directorate hereby confirms that it has never had any communication with or approved any maritime training centre having the name of Anchor Maritime Center Inc. Furthermore, the Directorate has never accredited any of the above courses to be delivered by the mentioned Anchor Maritime Center Inc.



Merchant Shipping Directorate is ISO 9001:2008 certified

Transport Malta is the Authority for Transport in Malta set up by ACT XV of 2005





Transport Malta considers such certificates as being fraudulently issued and Parties are not to accept any of the certificates attached to this communication as an annex.

This Directorate cannot confirm whether there are more certificates or variants purporting to be issued by the above mentioned Anchor Maritime Center Inc.

Transport Malta would be grateful to receive any information with regards to such certificates including any seafarers or manning agents having or presenting such certificates.

This Directorate would also appreciate receiving any certificates that come into the possession of State Parties.

We should be grateful if this statement is circulated to all Contracting Governments.

Yours faithfully

Ivan Sammut Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen









