

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO -**

**THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND MARITIME AFFAIRS**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER MANAGEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS**

**CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STCW CONVENTION**

The Government of Montenegro – the Ministry of transport and maritime affairs and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as 'the Participants'),

RECALLING the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, done at London on July 7, 1978, as amended (hereinafter referred to as: the STCW Convention) to which both Montenegro and the Netherlands are a party, in particular its Regulation I/10 relating to the recognition of certificates;

HAVING REGARD to the guidance on arrangements between Parties to the STCW Convention approved by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization during its ninety-first session in November 2012 (MSC.1/Circ.1450);

DESIRING to conclude the following Memorandum of Understanding related to the mutual recognition of Certificates comprising the recognition of Certificates of Competency issued and endorsed for masters, officers and radio operators in accordance with the provisions of STCW Convention, Annex, Chapters II, III, IV and VII, as well as Certificates of Proficiency issued in accordance with the provisions of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, Annex, Chapters V and VI;

RECOGNIZING that this Memorandum of Understanding constitutes an undertaking as contemplated in Regulation I/10 of the Annex to the STCW Convention;

HAVE COME TO THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

**Paragraph 1**

1. The certificate-issuing authority is:

- a. For Montenegro: The Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs;
- b. For the Netherlands: the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.

2. The Administration is:

- a. For Montenegro: The Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs;
- b. For the Netherlands: the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management.

3. Contact details for 1.a and 2.a:

Directorate for Maritime Traffic (capt. Vladan Radonjic)  
Street: Rimski trg N°46  
81 000 Podgorica - Montenegro  
Tel. +382 20 234 179 (mob. +382 69 333 252)  
Email: [vladan.radonjic@msp.gov.me](mailto:vladan.radonjic@msp.gov.me)  
[www.msp.gov.me](http://www.msp.gov.me)

Verification information can also be obtained from the above contact.

#### 4. Contact details for 1.b and 2.b:

Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate  
Merchant Shipping  
PO Box 16191  
The Hague NL-2500 BD  
Tel. +31 88 489 000  
[www.ilent.nl](http://www.ilent.nl)

Verification information can be obtained from:

Kiwa Register B.V.  
P.O.Box 4  
Rijswijk NL-2280 AA  
THE NETHERLANDS  
Tel. +31 70 41 44 888  
Fax +31 70 41 44 889  
Email: [vergunningen@kiwa.nl](mailto:vergunningen@kiwa.nl)

5. Any changes in the above addresses shall be brought to the attention of the other Participant as soon as possible, but not later than thirty days after the change has taken place.

The topicality of verification contacts can also be consulted via the IMO website, either in GISIS (Contact Points) or via the following link:

<http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/HumanElement/TrainingCertification/Pages/CertificateVerification.aspx>

#### **Paragraph 2**

Participants will mutually recognize Certificates of Competency issued and endorsed for masters, officers and radio operators in accordance with the provisions of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, Annex, Chapters II, III, IV and VII, and Certificates of Proficiency issued in accordance with the provisions of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, Annex, Chapters V and VI.

#### **Paragraph 3**

The certificate-issuing authority will make available to the Administration, upon its request, the results of quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with Regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention.

#### **Paragraph 4**

1. The Administration will ensure, in accordance with Regulation I/2 of the Annex to the STCW Convention, the authenticity and validity of a certificate issued by the certificate-issuing authority.
2. In case the Administration requests verification in accordance with sub 1 of this paragraph, the Administration will enter into contact by e-mail or other approved means of communication with the certificate-issuing authority.
3. The certificate-issuing authority will respond to such a request within five working days, by e-mail or other approved means of communication in accordance with Regulation I/2 paragraph 16 of the Annex to the STCW Convention.

#### **Paragraph 5**

1. If the certificate-issuing authority becomes aware of any individual serving aboard a vessel of the flag of the Administration whose certificate issued by the certificate-issuing authority has been suspended or revoked, the certificate-issuing authority will, without delay, notify the Administration.
2. The Administration will, without delay, notify the certificate-issuing authority of any withdrawal of an endorsement of recognition issued by it for disciplinary or other reasons.

#### Paragraph 6

1. The Administration and the certificate-issuing authority may designate a third party to perform on their behalf any functions referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5.
2. In such case, at the earliest possible opportunity, but not later than 30 days following the coming into effect of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Administration and the certificate-issuing authority will exchange in writing or by e-mail a list of the responsible officials and/or contact details pursuant to sub 1 of this paragraph. This information will be maintained by the Administration and the certificate-issuing authority. Changes to this information will be exchanged in writing or by e-mail between the Administration and the certificate-issuing authority as appropriate.

#### Paragraph 7

1. The certificate-issuing authority will promptly notify the Administration of any significant changes in the arrangements for training and certification provided by it in compliance with the STCW Convention.
2. Such notification will be given at least in the following cases:
  - a. changes in the position, address, or access information for the official responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding; or
  - b. changes which amount to substantial differences in the information communicated to the Secretary-General of IMO pursuant to section A-1/7 of the STCW Code.

#### Paragraph 8

1. Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months' notice in writing to the other Participant.
2. The Participant seeking to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with sub 1 of this paragraph will communicate the reasons for termination to the other Participant.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Participants.

#### Paragraph 9

1. This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any rights or obligations under international law.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature of both Participants;
3. This Memorandum of Understanding will be signed in two originals, in the English language.

Signed at Podgorica on 06.05.2019

For Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs  
Of Montenegro

Mr. Osman Nurković, Minister  
Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs  
Montenegro

Signed at The Hague on 21.6.2019

For the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water  
Management of the Netherlands

Mrs. B.C.M. Gijsbers, LL.M.  
Director Maritime Affairs

