

RECOGNITION OF UNITED KINGDOM CERTIFICATES
OF COMPETENCE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF
UNITED KINGDOM CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE FOR
SERVICE ON MONTENEGRIN FLAGGED VESSELS

between

THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM

and

THE MINISTRY OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS OF MONTENEGRO

**RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is for the recognition of national certificates and is made under the terms of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended. The Convention is referred to in this MoU as "STCW", and the Code annexed to STCW is referred to as "the STCW Code". This MoU is made without prejudice to the national laws of either Participant.

2. For the purposes of this MoU:-

The "MINISTRY OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS" acting on behalf of the GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO" and the "Maritime and Coastguard Agency", including Red Ensign Group members acting on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom" are referred to as "the Participants".

3. Having regard to the provisions of regulation I/10 of STCW including the related provisions of the STCW Code, the Participants have reached the following understanding: -

- (1) The UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION is the Participant whose national certificates are to be recognised, and the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION are the Participants that will provide Certificates of Recognition (endorsements) as evidence of such recognition.
- (2) The MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION will issue Certificates of Recognition (endorsements) pursuant to regulation I/2, paragraph 5, of STCW following compliance by the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION with the requirements of regulation I/7 of STCW and section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.
- (3) The UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION will ensure that the training and assessment OF UNITED KINGDOM SEAFARERS as required under STCW, is administered and monitored in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/6 and A-I/8 of the STCW Code, and that a register or registers of all certificates and endorsements is maintained and the information will be made available as required by regulation I/7 of STCW. Similarly, the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION will ensure that those who are responsible for, and that those who provide such training and assessment are qualified in accordance with the provisions of

section A-I/6 of the STCW Code for the type and level of training or assessment involved.


- (4) In accordance with regulation I/10, paragraph 1.1, of STCW, the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION will allow the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION to carry out periodic inspection of its approved facilities and procedures and will make materials and training facilities available for inspection and review when requested. Similarly, the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION will allow the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION to have access to the results of the quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with regulation I/8 of STCW.
- (5) The UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION will notify the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION within ninety (90) days of any significant change in the arrangements for training and certification applying under its administration in accordance with STCW, and in particular regulation 1/10, paragraph 1.2. The significant changes include:
 - a) changes in the contact details of the official responsible for authentication checks;
 - b) changes affecting the procedures set forth in this MoU; and
 - c) changes that amount to substantial differences from the information communicated to the Secretary-General pursuant to section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.
- (6) The UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION acknowledges that, in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/10, paragraph 6, of STCW, endorsements issued by it in recognition of a certificate issued by another Party to STCW will not subsequently be accorded further recognition by the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION.
- (7) Where a seafarer presents for recognition a certificate issued under the provisions of regulations II/1, II/2, III/1, III/2, III/3, III/6 or issued under VII/1 at the management level, the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION will not recognise the certificate unless it is satisfied that the seafarer has an appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION relevant to the functions the seafarer is permitted to perform.
- (8) Where the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION for disciplinary reasons suspends, revokes or otherwise withdraws its Certificate of Recognition of a certificate issued by the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION, the MONTENEGRIN ADMINISTRATION will

provide the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION with full details of the circumstances, within ninety (90) days of so doing.

4. This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing of this MoU by the UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION. It will continue to have effect for a period of five (5) years.
5. This MoU may be terminated by either Participant by written notice given at least six (6) months before the date on which it intends that the MoU will cease to have effect. Unless either Participant gives such notice at least six (6) months before the date when this MoU would have ceased to have effect under the preceding paragraph, it will be renewed automatically for a further period of five (5) years.

Signed in two original copies in the English language.


On behalf of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland


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Date: 15.02.2022

On behalf of Montenegro


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Date: 24th November 2021.