

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO-THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND MARITIME AFFAIRS OF MONTENEGRO**

**AND**

**THE DANISH MARITIME AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK CONCERNING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STCW CONVENTION**

The government of Montenegro -The Ministry of transport and maritime affairs of Montenegro and The Danish Maritime Authority on behalf of the Kingdom of Denmark (including the Faroe Islands)(hereinafter referred to as 'the Parties'),

RECALLING the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, done at London on July 7, 1978, as amended (hereinafter referred to as: the STCW Convention) to which both **Montenegro** and the **Kingdom of Denmark** 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, Regulation II/1, II/2, II/3, IV/2, V/1-1, V/1-2, as well as in accordance with the Regulation VII/2 (Certification of Seafarers).

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 Kingdom of Denmark: The Danish Maritime Authority
2. The Administration is:
  - a. For Montenegro: The Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs;
  - b. For the Kingdom of Denmark: The Danish Maritime Authority
3. Contact details for 1.a and 2.a:

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

Verification information can also be obtained from the above contact.

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

The Danish Maritime Authority  
Fjordvaenget 30  
DK-4220 Korsøer  
Denmark

Tel. +45 7219 6000  
Email: bevis@dma.dk  
www.dma.dk

5. Any changes in the above addresses shall be brought to the attention of the other Party as soon as possible, but not later than thirty days after the change has taken place. Any other efficient means of communication may be agreed upon at any time.

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**

Parties 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.

A precondition for the Administrations providing endorsement of certificates is confirmation by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that full and complete effect is given by the Administrations to the provisions of the Convention.

## **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 such as electronic communication with the certificate-issuing authority. Requests for verification may be made by the above competent Authorities or on their behalf by the respective Embassies or by national shipping companies.
3. The certificate-issuing authority will respond to such a request within five working days, by e-mail or other approved means of communication such as electronic 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, revoked or otherwise withdrawn, 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 by e-mail between the Administration and the certificate-issuing authority as appropriate.

#### Paragraph 7

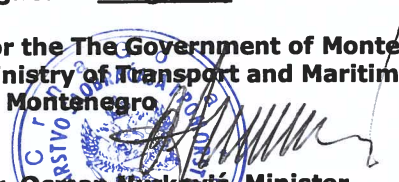

1. The Administrations of both Parties assure that the education, training and assessment of competence of seafarers are administered and monitored in their respective countries in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/6 of the Convention, confirm maintenance of registers of certificates and endorsements, and also confirm that information on the status of certificates, endorsements and dispensations can be obtained according to Regulation I/10 of the Convention on request by the Administration of the other Party in the process of recognition of a certificate produced to it by a seafarer.
2. The Administrations of both Parties assure that those in their country who are responsible for such training and assessment are appropriately qualified for the type and level of training and assessment involved in accordance with the provisions of Regulation I/6 of the Convention.
3. 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.
4. 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-I/7 of the STCW Code.

#### Paragraph 8

1. Subject to paragraph 3, 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. National legislation may stipulate requirements in addition to those stipulated in the STCW Convention, regulation I/10. These requirements may include operational interviews or supernumerary service.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of the last signature and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years;
3. The validity of this Undertaking shall automatically be extended thereafter for successive five-year periods if neither of the Parties notifies the other Party about its intention to terminate the Undertaking not later than twelve months before the expiry of a successive term of the Undertaking.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding will be signed in two originals, in the English language.

<p>Signed in <u>Podgorica</u>, on 16. SEPT. 2019</p> <p>For the The Government of Montenegro Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs of Montenegro</p>  <p>Mr. Osman Nurković, Minister</p>	<p>Signed in Korsoer on <u>12 NOV 2019</u></p> <p>For The Danish Maritime Authority on behalf of the Kingdom of Denmark</p>  <p>Mr. Andreas Nordseth, Director General</p>
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