



IMMARBE

International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize

**Moratorium on Belize Certificates of Competence and Validity of COCs
After December 31, 2016**

TO: Holders of BELIZE COCs, Maritime Administrations, Port States/MOU's, Deputy Registrars, Ship Owners, Ship Operators and All other Concerned Parties.

REFERENCE: [Seafarers Department Notice – Moratorium on the Issuance of Certificates of Competence;](#)

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I. PURPOSE

This Circular is intended to draw your attention on the current state of affairs in regards to the indefinite moratorium which has been placed on the issuance of Belize Certificates of Competence (CoCs) and the validity of those CoCs issued prior to the publication of the moratorium.

Bearing in mind that the Manila Amendments of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping of Seafarers (STCW) require absolute commitment by each and every STCW Party, by providing training/instruction and assessment of seafarers.

Taking into consideration that the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) has long sought to maintain a reputation as a Registry of excellence.

Considering the lack of adequate control for the issuance of certificates of competence issued by seafarer agents under the previous administration and in view of the absence of procedures for the issuance of CoCs **in accordance with provisions of the STCW Convention as amended by the 2010 Manila Amendments**

The Seafarers Department being in charge of giving full force to the provisions of the STCW convention and taking into consideration all of the above mentioned, has determined as an urgent solution, that all IMMARBE Certificates of Competence for Deck and Engine Officers and ratings alike issued with an expiration date beyond ^{1st} January 2017 will not be considered valid after 31st December 2016.

We recognize that there could be a vast number of CoCs issued by the previous administration, but we beseech the consideration of all parties concerned as this rigorous action will avoid detentions and delays in ship operations consequently preventing mass financial losses.

2. INFORMATION

For any questions, information or queries on the above, please contact IMMARBE Head Office:

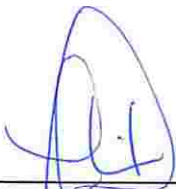
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