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

**Communication received from the Government of China**

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a communication received from the Government of China, as set out in the annex.

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



### MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025

H.E. Mr. Arsenio Dominguez  
Secretary-General  
International Maritime Organization  
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#### The report of the implementation of issuance of electronic certificate for seafarer by China

Dear H.E. Mr. Arsenio Dominguez,

In accordance with Article IV of The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended (STCW Convention), the Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (CHINA MSA) would like to inform the International Maritime Organization and all other Member States on the implementation of issuance of electronic certificate for seafarer by China.

1. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention and Guidelines on the Use of Electronic Certificate of Seafarer (MSC.1/Circ.1665) published by IMO, CHINA MSA officially began issuing electronic certificate for seafarer from August 1, 2025, including Certificate of Competence (CoC), Certificate of Proficiency (CoP), Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of CoC, Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of CoP (Regulations V/1-1 and V/1-2), Medical Certificate, Dispensation Certificate. Upon application by seafarers, China MSA also continues to issue paper certificates to seafarers who need them. For seafarer certificates issued before August 1, 2025 that are still within their validity period, electronic certificates will be simultaneously generated. In addition, China MSA has also begun to issue electronic certificates for the Training Certificate of Competence for Ship's Cooks and the Training Certificate for Ship's Catering Service Assistants, which are not specified in the STCW Convention. The Annex provides samples of the electronic certificates issued by China MSA.

2. Electronic certificates of seafarers issued by China MSA contain all information related to seafarers' certificates as required by Section A-1/2 of the STCW Code. The authenticity and validity of a seafarer certificate can be verified either by scanning the QR code specified on the certificate, or by logging in to the Online Certificate Inquiry System <https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery>.

3. For further information or verification, please send an email to [cstcw@msa.gov.cn](mailto:cstcw@msa.gov.cn) or fax to +86 10 65293482.

4. We would be grateful if your Excellency could share this information with all other Member States.

For further details, please refer to the Annex.

Yours sincerely

Xu wei  
Executive Director General, Maritime Safety Administration of People's Republic of China

Annex: Certificates for seafarers

1. Certificate of Competence (CoC)



持证人可担任主管机关在相应的安全配员要求中规定的下列一种或几种职位: The lawful holder of this certificate may serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration:	
等级与职务 CAPACITY	适用的限制 (如有) LIMITATIONS APPLYING (IF ANY)
主推进动力装置3000千瓦及以上船舶的大管轮  Second Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 3000kW propulsion power or more	仅适用于内燃机。 不适用于客船、滚装客船。  Valid only for service on ships on which internal combustion engines form part of the ships' machinery. Not valid for service on passenger/ro-ro passenger ships.
正式授权的官员签名: Signature of duly authorized official:  [Signature]	
正式授权的官员姓名: Name of duly authorized official:  [Name]	
授权签发机关 (盖章): Issuing Administration(Official Seal):  	
海事机构签注/Official Use Only:	
本证书是根据公约第 I/2 条第 11 款签发的，并可以数字格式提供。 This certificate is issued in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 11 of the Convention and can be available in digital format. 在公约附则第 V 章中提及的特殊类型船舶上任职时，应持有相应的培训合格证。 Relevant certificate(s) of proficiency for special training must be held while the holder is serving on certain types of ships, referred to in Chapter V in the Annex to the above Convention.	
可扫描证书二维码或登录证书在线查询系统 <a href="https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery">https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery</a> 输入唯一识别号 (证书号码)，查询本电子证书详细信息。 Detailed information of this electronic certificate can be verifiable by scanning the QR Code or entering the unique tracking number (certificate number) at the online verification system at <a href="https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery">https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery</a> .	

## 2. Certificate of Proficiency (CoP)




正式授权的官员签名:  
Signature of duly authorized official: 

正式授权的官员姓名:  
Name of duly authorized official: 

授权签发机关(盖章):  
Issuing Administration(Official Seal):   
Ministry of Transport, the People's Republic of China  
海事机构签注/Official Use Only:

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Detailed information of this electronic certificate can be verifiable by scanning the QR Code or entering the unique tracking number (certificate number) at the online verification system at <https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery>.

### 3. Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of CoC



持证人可担任主管机关在相应的安全配员要求中规定的下列一种或几种职位： The lawful holder of this certificate may serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration:	
等级与职务 CAPACITY	适用的限制 (如有) LIMITATIONS APPLYING (IF ANY)
主推进动力装置750千瓦及以上船舶的二管轮 Third Engineer Officer on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of 750kW propulsion power or more	仅适用于内燃机。 不适用于客船、滚装客船。 Valid only for service on ships on which internal combustion engines form part of the ships' machinery. Not valid for service on passenger/ro-ro passenger ships.
正式授权的官员签名/Signature of duly authorized official: 	
正式授权的官员姓名: Name of duly authorized official: [REDACTED]	
签发日期/Issued on:	2025-10-16 16 Oct. 2025
授权签发机关 (盖章) : Issuing Administration(Official Seal)  [REDACTED] 海事电子证照 专用章	
海事机构签注/Official Use Only:	
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<p>可扫描证书二维码或登录证书在线查询系统 <a href="https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery">https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery</a> 输入唯一识别号 (证书号码) , 查询本电子证书详细信息。 Detailed information of this electronic certificate can be verifiable by scanning the QR Code or entering the unique tracking number (certificate number) at the online verification system at <a href="https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery">https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery</a>.</p>	

4. Endorsement Attesting the Recognition of CoP(Regulations V/1-1 and V/1-2)





## 5. Medical Certificate

	中华人民共和国 海船船员健康证明 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE FOR SEAFARERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA													
<p>持证人姓名: [REDACTED] Full Name of the Holder: [REDACTED]</p> <p>国籍/Nationality: 中国 China 出生日期/Date of Birth: [REDACTED]</p> <p>性别/Gender: 男 Male 部门/Department: 餐饮服务及其他 Catering and others</p> <p>证书编号/Certificate No.: [REDACTED]</p> <p>有效期至/Date of Expiry: 2027-11-26 26 Nov. 2027 签发日期/Issued on: 2025-11-26 26 Nov. 2025</p> 														
<p>兹证明持证人按照经修正的《1978年海员培训、发证和值班标准国际公约》规则 I/9 的规定和《2006年海事劳工公约》规则 1.2 的相关规定体检合格, 但受载明限制的制约。 This is to certify that the lawful holder has been found duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/9 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended and the provisions of Regulation 1.2 of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, subject to any limitations or restrictions indicated.</p>														
<table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">主检医师声明: Declaration of the recognized medical practitioner:</td></tr><tr><td>身份证明文件在健康检查时是否经过核实? Confirmation that identification documents were checked at the point of examination?</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>听力是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Hearing meets the standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>裸耳听力是否符合要求? Unaided hearing satisfactory?</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>视敏度是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Visual acuity meets standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?</td><td>Yes</td></tr><tr><td>辨色力是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Colour vision meets standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?</td><td>Yes</td></tr></table>			主检医师声明: Declaration of the recognized medical practitioner:		身份证明文件在健康检查时是否经过核实? Confirmation that identification documents were checked at the point of examination?	Yes	听力是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Hearing meets the standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?	Yes	裸耳听力是否符合要求? Unaided hearing satisfactory?	Yes	视敏度是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Visual acuity meets standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?	Yes	辨色力是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Colour vision meets standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?	Yes
主检医师声明: Declaration of the recognized medical practitioner:														
身份证明文件在健康检查时是否经过核实? Confirmation that identification documents were checked at the point of examination?	Yes													
听力是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Hearing meets the standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?	Yes													
裸耳听力是否符合要求? Unaided hearing satisfactory?	Yes													
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辨色力是否达到《STCW 规则》第A-I/9 节的标准? Colour vision meets standards in section A-I/9 of STCW Code?	Yes													

上一次辨色力测试日期。 Date of last colour vision test.	2025-11-25
是否适合承担了望职责? Fit for look - out duties?	Yes
海员是否不存在下列身体状况: 由于海上服务而使健康恶化, 或可能使海员不适合该服务, 或使其他船上人员的健康受到危害? Is the seafarer free from any medical condition likely to be aggravated by service at sea or to render the seafarer unfit for such service or to endanger the health of other persons on board?	Yes
对适任职责有无限制? 若有限制, 具体说明何种限制。 Any limitations or restrictions on fitness? If "Y", specify limitations or restrictions.	No

授权机关: 中华人民共和国海事局  
Authorizing authority: [REDACTED] Maritime Administration, the People's Republic of China

主检医师签名: [REDACTED]  
Signature of the recognized medical practitioner: [REDACTED]

主检医师姓名: [REDACTED]  
Name of the recognized medical practitioner: [REDACTED]

签发机构 (印章): [REDACTED]  
Issuing Authority(Seal): [REDACTED]

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This certificate is issued in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 11 of the Convention and can be available in digital format.  
若在航行中健康证书有效期满, 则本健康证书在到达下一个有缔约方认可的从业医生的停靠港之前仍然有效, 但为期不得超过 3 个月。  
If the period of validity of a medical certificate expires in the course of a voyage, then the medical certificate shall continue in force until the next port of call where a medical practitioner recognized by the Party is available, provided that the period shall not exceed three months.

可扫描证书二维码或登录证书在线查询系统 <https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery> 输入唯一识别号 (证书号码), 查询本电子证书详细信息。  
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## 6. Dispensation Certificate



持证人可担任主管机关在相应的安全配员要求中规定的下列一种或几种职位： The lawful holder of this certificate may serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirements of the Administration:	
等级与职务 CAPACITY <b>500总吨及以上船舶的二副</b>  Second Mate on ships of 500GT or more	适用的限制（如有） LIMITATIONS APPLYING (IF ANY)  <b>不适用于客船、滚装客船。</b>  Not valid for service on passenger/ro-ro passenger ships.
正式授权的官员签名/Signature of duly authorized official: 	
正式授权的官员姓名： Name of duly authorized official:	
授权签发机关（盖章）： Issuing Administration(Official Seal) 	
海事机构签注/Official Use Only:	
本证书是根据公约第 I/2 条第 11 款签发的，并可以数字格式提供。 This certificate is issued in accordance with regulation I/2, paragraph 11 of the Convention and can be available in digital format. 持证人服务船舶抵达中国第一个港口后，本证书自动失效。 This certificate shall expire while the ship arrives at the first port of China.	
可扫描证书二维码或登录证书在线查询系统 <a href="https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery">https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery</a> 输入唯一识别号（证书号码），查询本电子证书详细信息。 Detailed information of this electronic certificate can be verifiable by scanning the QR Code or entering the unique tracking number (certificate number) at the online verification system at <a href="https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery">https://dzzz.msa.gov.cn/certQuery</a> .	

7.Training Certificate for Ship's Cook



培训内容 Training Contents	
2006年海事劳工公约简介 Briefing introduction to MLC.	食品安全工作程序 Food safety procedures.
厨房一般安全程序 General galley safety procedures.	食品营养及配餐 Food nutrition and menu planning.
健康及食品卫生规则 General Health and Hygiene Practice.	配料及存货控制 Ingredients and stock controls.
个人卫生 Personal Hygiene.	有关膳食的跨文化及宗教意识 Multi-cultural and religious awareness.
海洋环境保护 Marine environmental protection.	实用厨艺 Practical cookery.

按照《2006年海事劳工公约》规则3.2规定,当持证人上船服务时,本证书可以数字格式提供。  
This certificate can be available in digital format in accordance with regulation 3.2. of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, while its holder is serving on a ship.

培训内容依据中华人民共和国海事局公布的大纲制定。  
The training course is designed in accordance with the requirements promulgated by Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China.

证书的签发机构已经中华人民共和国海事局备案认可。  
The issuing body is approved by Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China.

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### 8.Training Certificate for Ship's Catering Staff

