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Subject: Clarification regarding establishment of continued professional competence in accordance with section A-I/11 of the STCW Code for revalidation of GMDSS COC – reg.

1. The Directorate has received several requests from candidates regarding the procedure to be adopted for establishing continued professional competence in accordance with section A-I/11 of the STCW Code for revalidation of GMDSS COC of candidates who do not have the required seagoing service in previous years.

2. Attention of all seafarers is invited to Section A-I/11 of the STCW code which specifies the procedures accepted for establishing continued professional competence as required under regulation I/11. The said regulation is as follows:

Quote

“Continued professional competence as required under regulation I/11 shall be established by:

.1 approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of at least

.1.1 twelve months in total during the preceding five years, or

.1.2 three months in total during the preceding six months immediately prior to revalidating; or

.2 having performed functions considered to be equivalent to the seagoing service required in paragraph 1.1; or

.3 passing an approved test; or

.4 successfully completing an approved training course or courses; or

.5 having completed approved seagoing service, performing functions appropriate to the certificate held, for a period of not less than three months in a supernumerary capacity, or in a lower officer rank than that for which the certificate held is valid immediately prior to taking up the rank for which it is valid.” Unquote

3. The GMDSS course and examinations are yet to commence due to COVID Pandemic. However, MOC vide their letter No: P-14040/04/2019-CoP, dated 07.07.2020 has extended the validity of GMDSS GOC till 31.12.2021.

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4. Considering the foregoing, candidates for REVALIDATION of GMDSS GOC who do not have the required sea time, or have performed functions considered to be equivalent to sea going service, or are unable to attend the approved training course has the option of passing an approved test.
5. All such candidates for revalidation of GMDSS COC may contact the Mercantile Marine Department for conduct of oral test for candidates. MMD shall conduct Oral test on theoretical aspect of minimum standard of competence for GMDSS radio operators specified in Table A-IV/2, Column 2 of STCW Code, to be able to establish continued professional competence as specified in Section A-I/II, 1.3 of the STCW code, required for revalidation of their GMDSS COC.
6. On successful completion of the test, the GMDSS COC of the candidate may be further revalidated for 5 years.
7. This is issued with approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates and the Nautical Advisor to the Government of India (i/c).



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