



Circ. No 008 / STCW002

11 September 2013

To: Whom it may concern

**Subject: Information concerning the new forms of Seafarer's Certificates and Seaman's Book**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Maritime Transport Agency, referring to the order N001 of the Director of Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, on approval of "Rules of Form, Production, Issuing and Usage of Seaman's Book", dated January 16, 2012 and the order N002 of the Director of Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, on approval of "Rules on Form, Issuing and Usage of Seafarer's Certificates", dated January 23, 2012 would like officially inform you on the following:

- From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Maritime Transport Agency commenced issuing Seafarers' Certificates and Seaman's Book in new forms, with higher degree of protection, compatible with international standards;
- Certificates, issued before the entry into force of the order N002 of the Director of Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, on approval of "Rules on Form, Issuing and Usage of Seafarer's Certificates", date January 23, 2012, shall be valid until the expiration date;
- From September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, all Seaman's Books issued by Georgia meets the requirements set by the order N001 of the Director of Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, on approval of the "Rules of Form, Production, Issuing and Usage of Seaman's Book, dated January 16, 2012, all other Seaman's Books shall be invalidated, however those seafarers, who will be on board the ship for the first of September 2013, the term of the Seaman's Book is prolonged till the end of the contract of employment.
- Validity of new Seaman's Book is 5 years from the date of issue.

Sincerely,

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Agency Director