

## STCW White List expanded

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The so-called “White List” of countries assessed to be properly implementing the revised [STCW Convention](#) (STCW 95) has been updated by IMO. The 74th session of the Organization’s Maritime Safety Committee ([MSC](#)), meeting from 30 May to 8 June 2001, received reports from IMO Secretary-General William O’Neil confirming that a further 23 Member States had communicated information demonstrating that they were giving “full and complete effect” to the relevant provisions of the Convention. The “White List” now comprises 94 States and one IMO Associate Member.

A position on the [White List](#) entitles other Parties to the STCW Convention to accept, in principle, that certificates issued by or on behalf of the parties on the list are in compliance with the revised STCW (the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) as amended, which entered into force on 1 February 1997. The amended Convention sets out clearly defined minimum competency requirements for all seafarers and takes into account developments in technology since the original 1978 Convention was adopted.

The new White List is contained in an MSC Circular, which notes that, as the process of communicating and evaluating information is continuing, further Parties may be added to the list at annex at its subsequent meetings. For most countries, preparation of the submissions to the Secretary-General represents a demanding and challenging task requiring not only reporting on national laws, training requirements, standards and systems in place, but also ensuring that all of those elements met the revised Convention requirements and could pass the scrutiny of persons with detailed knowledge of those requirements.

A flag State Party that is on the White List may, as a matter of policy, elect not to accept seafarers with certificates issued by non White List countries for service on its ships. If it does accept such seafarers, they will be required by 1 February 2002 also to have an endorsement, issued by the flag State, to show that their certificate is recognized by the flag State. By 1 February 2002, masters and officers should hold STCW 95 certificates or endorsements issued by the flag State. Certificates issued and endorsed under the provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention will be valid until their expiry date.

### Parties included on the “White List” at 8 June 2001

Algeria	Iceland	Portugal
Antigua and Barbuda	India	Republic of Korea
Argentina	Indonesia	Romania
Australia	Ireland	Russian Federation
Azerbaijan	Islamic Republic of Iran	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Italy	Samoa
Bangladesh	Israel	Senegal
Barbados	Jamaica	Singapore
Belgium	Japan	Slovenia
Brazil	Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Bulgaria	Latvia	South Africa
Canada	Liberia	Spain
Chile	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
China	Luxembourg	Sweden
Colombia	Malaysia	Switzerland
Cote d’Ivoire	Maldives	Thailand
Croatia	Malta	Tonga
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Trinidad & Tobago
Cyprus	Mauritius	Tunisia

Czech Republic	Mexico	Turkey
Denmark*	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tuvalu
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Myanmar	United Kingdom**
Estonia	Netherlands	United States
Fiji	New Zealand	Uruguay
Finland	Norway	Vanuatu
France	Pakistan	Venezuela
Georgia	Panama	Viet Nam
Germany	Papua New Guinea	Yugoslavia
Ghana	Peru	China (Hong Kong SAR)***
Greece	Philippines	
Honduras	Poland	
Hungary		

\* Includes: Faeroe Islands

\*\* Includes: Isle of Man, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar

\*\*\* Associate Member

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