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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

RE: TRAINING FOR SHIPBOARD SECURITY OFFICERS

Reference: This Fleet Safety Letter restates the VMSL policy on the issuance of endorsements for Shipboard Security Officers. Part A, Section 2.6 of the ISPS Code states: Ship security officer means the person on board the ship, accountable to the master, designated by the Company as responsible for the security of the ship, including implementation and maintenance of the ship security plan and for liaison with the company security officer and port facility security officers.

STCW 2010 and the ISPS Code list the shipboard security officer training as follows:

STCW 2010 Regulation VI/5

Mandatory minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of proficiency for ship security officers

1 Every candidate for a certificate of proficiency as ship security officer shall:

.1 have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months or appropriate seagoing service and knowledge of ship operations; and

.2 meet the standard of competence for certification of proficiency as ship security officer, set out in section A-VI/5, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code.

2 Administrations shall ensure that every person found qualified under the provisions of this regulation is issued with a certificate of proficiency.

This Administration ensures that all seafarers have received the proper training for their positions by reviewing the documentation of the home country license. As such, VMSL does not endorse SSO certificates issued by another accepted Administration or authorized training course, whether at an approved training center or an in- house training program. VMSL will endorse the training certificate upon request.

VMSL requires the SSO to be logged into the vessels Official Log book, and every change of SSO thereafter must be so noted.



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