

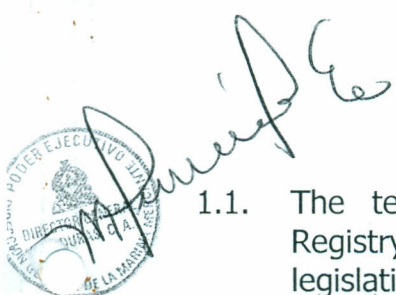
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY OF BELIZE AND THE MERCHANT MARINE OF HONDURAS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS ON RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE PURSUANT TO REGULATION 1/10 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED IN 1995.

The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize on behalf of the Government of Belize and the Merchant Marine of Honduras, in pursuance of Regulation 1/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995 (hereinafter-"STCW Convention"),

Being guided by the instructions for establishing arrangements between the Parties to the STCW Convention contained in the MSC/ Circ. 950 of 30 May 2000, adopted by the 73d Session of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization,

Have agreed as follows:

**Paragraph 1
Definitions**

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- 1.1. The term "Administration" means the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize, competent Body duly authorized according to the national legislation of the country which will recognize certificates of competence of Certificate- issuing Party.
 - 1.2. The contacting address of Certificate- issuing Party will be: Dirección General de la Marina Mercante de Honduras, Col. San Carlos, Ave. San Carlos, Calzada Republica del Uruguay N° 2800, Apdo. Postal 3625, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C.A., Tel (504) 221 0721, 236 88 80, fax (504) 236 88 66, email: hondumarina@newcom.hn
 - 1.3. The contacting address of the Administration will be: International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize, Marine Towers, Suite 20 Newtown Barracks Belize City, Belize, Tel 501-22-35026/35031/35047, fax 501-22-35070/35087/38048, email: immarbe@blt.net
 - 1.4. The term "Official of Certificate- issuing Party" means honduran official responsible for implementing this Memorandum and acting on behalf of the

Certificate-issuing Party, which will be the Head of the Seafarers Department.

- 1.5 The contacting address of the "Official of Certificate-issuing Party" is Dirección General de la Marina Mercante de Honduras, Seafarers Department, Col. San Carlos, Ave. San Carlos, Calzada Republica del Uruguay N° 2800, Apdo. Postal 3625, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C.A., Tel (504) 221-0721, 236-8880, fax (504) 236-8866, email: gentedemar@marinamercante.hn
- 1.6 The term "Official of Administration" means official of Competent body of the Government of the country responsible for implementing this Memorandum.
- 1.7 The contacting address of the "Official of Administration", International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize, Marine Towers, Suite 20 Newtown Barracks Belize City, Belize, Tel 501-22-35026/35031/35047, fax 501-22-35070/35087/38048, email: immarbe@blt.net
- 1.8 The term "Certificate-issuing Party" means the Directorate General of the Merchant Marine of Honduras, a competent body authorized by the Government of Honduras.
- 1.9 The term "facilities and procedures" means Escuela Maritima Centroamericana (EMCA) (Central American Seafarer Training School) and the Seafarers Department, operating within the limits of Party's responsibility according to the STCW Convention authorized by the Maritime Administration of Honduras, as well as the system or controlling and observing compliance with STCW Convention's requirements on training, assessment and certification for seafarers of Certificate-issuing Party.
- 1.10 The term "Certificate of competence" means a valid document, issued by Certificate-issuing Party or under its authority, or recognized by it, giving its holder the right to occupy the position according to the certificate of competency or national laws and regulations.
- 1.11 The term "Certificate of recognition" means a valid document issued by Administration confirming its holder the right to occupy the position according to the national legislation of the Administration.



Paragraph 2

Terms of Recognition

Pursuant to Regulation 1/10 of STCW Convention and to ensure compliance with STCW Convention and STCW '95 Code, Administration undertakes to recognize certificates of competence of Certificate – issuing Party, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- 2.1. Certificate-issuing Party ensures that training and assessment for seafarers are performed and controlled according to provisions of Section A-I/6 of STCW '95 Code and STCW Convention requirements.
- 2.2. Certificate-issuing Party ensures that certificates of competence are duly registered and authenticated.
- 2.3. Certificate-issuing Party ensures that persons responsible for training and assessment for seafarers are duly qualified pursuant to the requirements of Section A-I/6 of STCW '95 Code.
- 2.4. Certificate-issuing Party will allow, according to Regulation 1/10 of STCW Convention, access to its facilities and procedures for inspecting and observing purposes. Compliance with the requirements of STCW Convention may be examined by Administration regarding the following:
 - (i) standards of competence;
 - (ii) issue, endorsement, revalidation and revocation of certificates of competence;
 - (iii) registration of certificates of competence;
 - (iv) medical fitness standards for seafarers,
 - (v) communication and response process to request for verifications.
- 2.5. Certificate-issuing Party undertakes, within ninety (90) working days, to notify the Administration of any significant changes and should be understood to include:
 - (i) changes in the position, address or access information of the official of Certificate-issuing Party;
 - (ii) changes affecting the procedures set forth in this Memorandum;
 - (iii) changes which amount to substantial differences from the information communicated to the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization pursuant to section A-I/7 of STCW Code.
- 2.6. Certificate-issuing Party undertakes, within thirty (30) working days, to notify Administration of any withdraw, revocation or suspension of certificates of competence for disciplinary reasons.
- 2.7. Administration undertakes within thirty (30) working days, to notify Certificate-issuing Party of any revalidation or revocation of certificates of recognition stating the reasons of the revalidation or revocation.

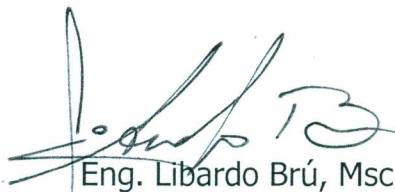


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into force after being signed by the Administration and Certificate-issuing Party.

- 6.2. This Memorandum will remain in force for a period of five (5) years and can be extended for a similar period. In order that the extended period to be valid, it requires a written acceptance by both parties. The notification shall be presented before both parties within ninety (90) working days prior to the termination of the Memorandum.
Without any written notification, the Memorandum will be expired at the established period.
- 6.3 Any significant changes in this Memorandum, that may change the spirit of this Memorandum, must be made with the written consent of both parties. Failure in this regard will entitle the other Party to terminate the Memorandum. The termination must be done in writing and will take effect with ninety (90) working days from the date of the notice of termination.
- 6.4 Additional clauses and supplements to this Memorandum, which do not change the spirit of this Memorandum but serve only to complement it, may be made with the mutual consent of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized by the parties, have on the twenty first of December of the year two thousand and four, signed this agreement in two copies, each in English, both texts being equally authentic.



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Registry of Belize



ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION OF HONDURAS



APPENDIX I

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