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**Notice to all ship owners, Masters, Officers, Ratings, and those concerned with  
maritime Trade**  
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**Subject: Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) New module  
on STCW-related information**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-eighth session (MSC 98), approved the framework for the proposed new GISIS module related to reporting and information communication requirements under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certificate and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, and requested the Secretariat to develop a new GISIS module (MSC 98/23, paragraph 9.3). Over the past years, the new STCW GISIS module has been developed subject to the decisions of the Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) and the Maritime Safety Committee.

2 Having noted that the comprehensive review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code, including any amendments to the communication of information provisions, would not be completed in the short term, HTW 10 requested the Secretariat to launch the new STCW GISIS module for a trial period of two years based on the existing requirements and inform STCW Parties and other Member States when the new module becomes operative.

3 In this regard, the Secretariat hereby announces that the new module on STCW-related information is now available on GISIS, and provides the following functionalities.

- .1 STCW focal points;
- .2 initial communication of information (articles IV(1) and section A-1/7 paragraph 2);
- .3 subsequent reports (article IX(2) and section A-4/7, paragraphs 3 to 5)
- .4 list of competent persons (section A-1/7, paragraph 7, MSC 1/Circ 797 series and Circular Letter No. 1882);
- .5 dispensations (article VIII(3));

- .6 fraudulent certificates (regulation 1/5, MSC 83/28, paragraph 12.2 and STW 38/17, annex 1);
- .7 simulators (regulation 1/12);
- .8 Parties, the Certificates of which are recognized in compliance with regulation 1/10; and
- .9 the certificate verification facility.

4 Guidance on the use of the module is set out in the annex. Member States and international organizations are invited to provide feedback on the use of the STCW-related information module, with a view to improvement during the trial.

5 Any questions or feedback on the module should be directed to the Secretariat through the following email address: [stcwcom@imo.org](mailto:stcwcom@imo.org). It is advisable to communicate with the Secretariat when a Party has to submit information to keep abreast of further developments, in particular on functions related to the communication of information, as provided in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 above.

This Circular is issued with the approval of Director General Port & shipping, Karachi



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