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SHIPPING CIRCULAR TO SHIPOWNERS
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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, holders of certificates of competency and endorsements issued by Singapore, crew and masters of Singapore ships and the shipping community.

ENHANCEMENT TO THE SEAFARER CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

1 This circular highlights an additional enhancement to the Seafarer Certification System to certificates of competency (COC), certificates of proficiency (COP), tanker endorsements and other certificates issued by the Authority. The enhancement is inclusion of QR (Quick Response) code to facilitate authentication of certificates issued to seafarers, using QR enabled devices (e.g. mobile phones) to bring about administrative convenience to the shipping community.

2 Certificates with QR enhancement was implemented from 4 November 2015. Samples of revised certificates templates of COP and COC depicting the position of QR Code are attached in Annex.

VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED

3 All COC, COP, tanker endorsements, and other certificates issued by MPA prior to 4 Nov 2015 (without the QR code) will continue to be valid until its period of expiry stated on them.

QUERIES

4 Any queries relating to this circular should be addressed to Capt I G Sangameswar (Tel no. 6375 6205) or Capt Khoo Gek Hung (Tel no. 6375 1935) or Mr Zulfiqur Husain (Tel no 6375 6218).

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DIRECTOR OF MARINE
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Annex: Details of A4-size COPs



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE
Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 179)
Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations

QR Code



Certificate of Proficiency No.--XXXXXXXXXXXX--
CERTIFICATE XXXXXXXX

Issued under the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training,
Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended.

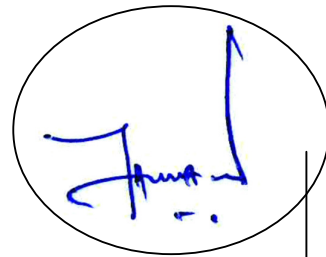
This is to certify that
XXXX

has satisfied the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning)
Regulations and Regulation XXX of the above convention.

Expiry date: Nil
Issued on XX

Printed
MPA's
Stamp

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DIRECTOR OF MARINE
Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Electronic
Image of
Signature

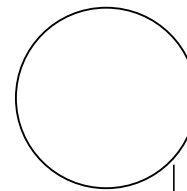
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Date of birth of the holder : XXXX

Country of birth of the holder : XXXX

IC/Passport No. : XXXX

Signature of the holder : _____



Embossed Stamp on
original Certificate

Remarks:
XXXX

Note:
The certificate in its original form must be kept available on board while serving on a ship.
Any person other than the holder coming in possession of this document is requested to send it to the Director of Marine, Maritime and Port
Authority of Singapore, 460 Alexandra Road, #21-00 PSA Building, Singapore 119963.
The authenticity of this document can be verified at website address: <http://www.mpa.gov.sg>, or using QR code.



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE
Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 179)
Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY

XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CERTIFICATE NO.

XXXXXXXXXX

This is to certify that
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

has been found duly qualified to hold this Certificate of Competency
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

and is entitled under the Merchant Shipping Act (Cap 179) to serve in a merchant ship in any capacity requiring a certificate of competency of that class save that the holder must have additional training and service, where such is a requirement in accordance with the above Regulations.

Date of Issue: **XXXXXXXX**

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Director of Marine
Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED.

The Government of Singapore certifies that the present certificate has been issued to

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

who has been found duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation(s) **XX** of the above Convention, as amended, and has been found competent to perform the following functions, at the levels specified, subject to any limitations indicated until **XXXXXXXX** or until the date of expiry of any extension of the validity of this endorsement issued by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

FUNCTION and LEVEL ¹	LIMITATIONS ¹
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

The lawful holder of this endorsement may serve in the following capacity or capacities specified in the applicable safe manning requirement of the administration:

CAPACITY	LIMITATIONS APPLYING (IF ANY) ¹
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

Endorsement No.: XXXXXXXX

Date of Issue: XXXXXXXX

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PARTICULARS OF HOLDER

Photo

Country of Birth

XXXXXXXXXX

Date of Birth

XXXXXXXXXX

Qualifying Conditions Met on

XXXXXXXXXX

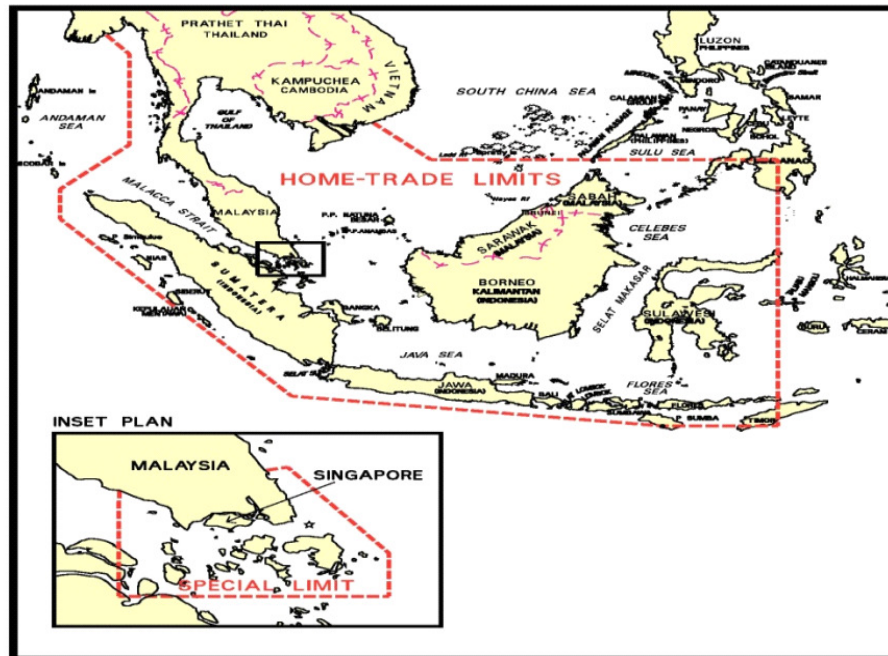
Signature of Holder

This certificate in its original form must be kept on board while serving on a ship.

Remarks:

Remarks on Trading area limitations:

Singapore 'Home Trade Limit' and 'Special Limit' applies to certain types of Certificates as indicated in the limitations. Demarcations of Home Trade Limits and Special Limits, please see map below:



Remarks:

FUNCTIONS:

As identified in the tables of standards of competence given in Chapters II, III and IV of Part A of the STCW Code.

1	Navigation
2	Cargo handling and stowage
3	Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board
4	Marine Engineering
5	Electrical, electronic and control engineering
6	Maintenance and repair
7	Radio communications

QR Code

**(Last Cover page)****Notes:**

- (1) The validity of this certificate's endorsement (if expired) can be extended in a separate endorsement, duly issued by the Director of Marine, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.
- (2) The authenticity of this document can be verified at website address: <http://www.mpa.gov.sg>
- (3) The holder of this certificate of competency may continue to serve onboard merchant ships in a lower officer rank than that to which this certificate permits after the expiry date indicated herein (or after the date of expiry of any extension of the validity of this certificate of competency issued by the Director of Marine, Maritime and Port authority of Singapore) for the purpose of revalidation.
- (4) Attention is drawn to the provision of the law whereby the fraudulent use and forgery, or alteration of this document will constitute a criminal offence.
- (5) Any person other than the authorised holder of this certificate coming into possession of this document is requested to send it to the Director of Marine, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, 460 Alexandra Road, #21-00 PSA Building, Singapore 119963.
- (6) Please address any queries other than as in (2) above to: coc@mpa.gov.sg