

**Circular 29 / 2011**

**To: All Vessel Managers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and other Interested Parties**

**Subject: STCW Manila Amendments coming into effect from 1 January 2012**

**Date: 14 December 2011**

**Summary:**

The following information is provided to ensure Cook Islands vessel managers, owners, Masters and crew are aware of the Manila Amendments coming into effect on 1 January 2012.

In accordance with STCW 95, as amended Chapter VIII/1, attention is to be given to the danger posed by fatigue of seafarers, especially those whose duties involve the safe and secure operation of a ship.

All persons who are assigned duty as officer in charge of watch or as a rating forming part of a watch, and those whose duties involve designated safety, prevention of pollution and security duties shall be provided with a rest period of not less than:

- (i) A minimum of 10 hour of rest in any 24 hour period; and
- (ii) 77 hours in any 7 day period

The hours of rest may be divided into no more than two periods, one of which shall be no less than 6 hours in length, and the intervals between consecutive periods of rest shall not exceed 14 hours. In cases of emergency, and necessity these requirements may be exempted.

Ship-owners/Masters must ensure that watch schedules are easily accessible by all crew and established in the standardised format set out by [IMO/ILO Guidelines](#). The tables must be completed in English and the working language of the ship.

Seafarers shall receive a copy of the record of their work / rest hours, which shall be endorsed by the Master or other person authorised by the Master, and by the seafarer.

Please ensure this has been forwarded to interested parties within your organisation including owners, operators, Masters and seafarers.

For further information please refer to [MSC/Circ.1014](#); <http://www.marisec.org/quickguide.htm.pdf> or contact Maritime Cook Islands' STCW Certification Manager, Elaine Turepu Gukisuva at [stcw@maritimecookislands.com](mailto:stcw@maritimecookislands.com)