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Draft MOU concerning recognition of training and certification of seafarers for service on Norwegian Flagged vessels in accordance with regulation I/10 in the STCW convention as amended

Dear Sir,

The Norwegian Maritime Authority presents its complements to the Department of Shipping, Bangladesh and has the honor to enclose an MOU duly signed by the Director General of Shipping and Navigation. In that case we refer to our previous correspondence on this matter, most recently your email of 2 November 2025 with attachment.

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding. The delay was due to our awaiting receipt of the original versions of the agreement. Following further consideration, we have, however, decided to accept the scanned version of the agreement.

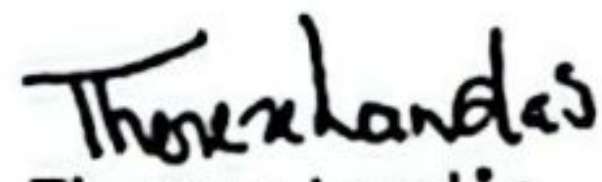
The NMA is therefore pleased to inform you that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Norwegian Maritime Authority and the Department of Shipping has now been concluded.

The MoU has been concluded pursuant to Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention), as amended. The MoU thus establishes the formal basis for the mutual recognition of certificates and qualifications issued by X and Y, respectively, in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and applicable national legislation.

Please find enclosed a copy of the concluded MoU for your records.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in connection with the conclusion of the MoU

Yours faithfully


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Memorandum of Understanding
Between
the Norwegian Maritime Authority
and

**the Department of Shipping Government of the People's Republic of
Bangladesh**

**On mutual recognition of Certificates of Seafarers pursuant to regulation I/10
of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and
Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978, as amended**

The Department of Shipping, Bangladesh and The NORWEGIAN MARITIME AUTHORITY,
hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

ACTING in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of
Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended, hereinafter referred to
as the STCW Convention,

RECOGNIZING the mutual interest of implementing an Undertaking concerning the
recognition of the training for seafarers,

HAVING REGARD to the guidance on arrangements between Parties to allow for recognition
of certificates under regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention approved by the Maritime Safety
Committee of the International Maritime Organization at its ninety-first session in November
2012 (MSC.1/Circ. 1450).

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Department of Shipping, Bangladesh hereinafter referred to as the "Certificate Issuing
Party", is the competent Party whose national certificates are to be recognized. The Norwegian
Maritime Authority hereinafter referred to as "Administration", is the Party that provides
endorsements to attest its recognition.

Article 2

1 The Officials designated to be directly responsible for implementing this Undertaking and for
liaison purposes between the Parties are as follows:

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2. The officials of the Parties may designate one or more persons to perform on their behalf the functions referred to in Articles 4.2 and 8.

3. The Parties shall communicate to each other the list of the persons they designate in accordance with article 2.2.

Article 3

This undertaking shall apply to the recognition and endorsement of training and certification of seafarers holding certificates issued by the Certificate Issuing Party for services on board ships flying the flag of Norway.

Article 4

1. The Administration may in accordance with the provisions of regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention subject to the consent of the Certificate Issuing Party, visit the facilities, observe the procedures or review the policies which have been approved or employed by the Certificate Issuing Party for complying with the requirements of the STCW Convention regarding:

1. Standards of competence
2. Training
3. The issue, endorsement, revalidation and revocation of certificates
4. record-keeping
5. Medical and
6. Quality standards
7. Communication and response process to requests for verification

2. When requesting a visit, the Administration will:

1. Forward a request to visit facilities in writing or by e-mail, by the official of the Administration, to the official of the Certificate Issuing Party at least thirty (30) days before the intended date of visit.

2. In its request list the motives which, in the view of the Administration, make it necessary to carry out a visit.
 3. Name the specific facility or facilities which the Administration intends to visit.
 4. In its request, state the names and positions of the Administration's officials taking part in the visit.
3. The Administration shall communicate the results of any evaluation carried out pursuant to the provisions of the above paragraph to the Certificate Issuing Party within three (3) months from its completion.

Article 5

When requested by the Administration, the Certificate Issuing Party will make available to the Administration the results of the quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with Regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention.

Article 6

1. The Administration may, after registration, verify the authenticity and validity of the certificates issued by the Certificate Issuing Party by an on-line system in accordance with regulation I/2.16 of the STCW Convention provided by the Certificate Issuing Party.
2. The Administration shall notify the Certificate Issuing Party without delay, via electronic mail, of any points that may arise from the verification of the authenticity and validity of certificates, and which need further clarification.

Article 7

1 The Administration may suspend, revoke or withdraw an endorsement of recognition issued in accordance with regulation I/2 of the STCW Convention, on account of a disciplinary offence or other reasons as provided for in the Norwegian legislation.

2 The Administration shall advise the Certificate Issuing Party within seven (7) days if an endorsement of recognition has been suspended, revoked or withdrawn.

Article 8

1 The Certificate Issuing Party shall notify the Administration of any significant changes in the arrangements for training and certification provided in compliance with the STCW Convention and the criteria to be used in determining what changes are to be considered significant for this purpose within thirty (30) days from the application of such changes.

2. As a minimum, significant changes should be understood to include:

1. Changes in the position, address or access information of the official responsible for implementing this Undertaking.

2. Changes affecting the procedures set forth in this Undertaking.

Article 9

1. This Undertaking may be terminated or suspended by the Administration as thirty (30) days written notice communicated to the other Party, provided one of the following occurs:

1. The Certificate Issuing Party fails to maintain in accordance with regulation I/7.2 of the STCW Convention, its inclusion in the list of countries found by the International Maritime Organization to give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of The STCW Convention (White list).

2. The Certificate Issuing Party is no longer recognized under the procedure laid down in Article 20 of Directive 2002/993/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers.

3. Refusal of the Certificate Issuing Party to allow the inspection of its facilities and the review of its procedures in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.

4. Either Party fails to meet its obligations under this Undertaking.

2. The other contracting Party may reply to the communication referred to in paragraph 1 within 30 days from the date of the communication.

Article 10

1. This Undertaking shall be valid for an initial period of five years.

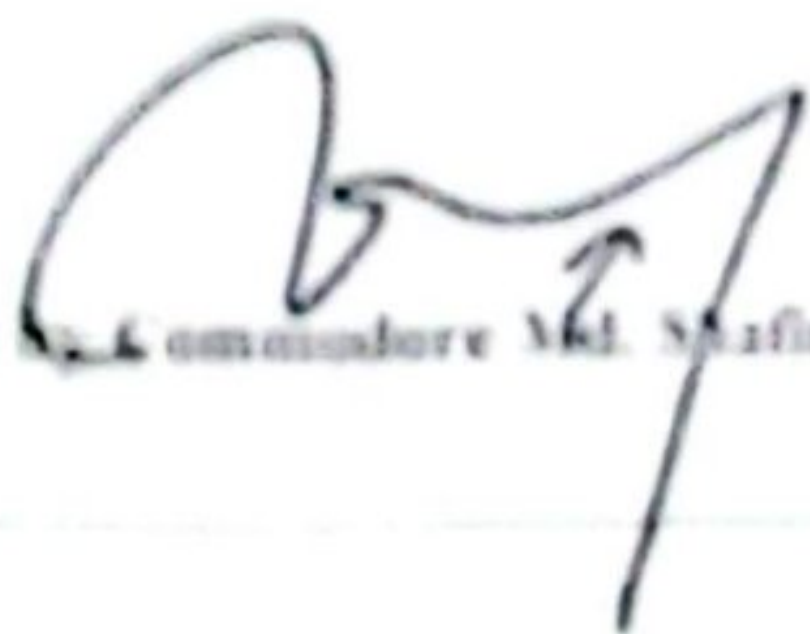
2. Unless notice of termination has been given by the Administration at least six (6) months before the date of its expiration, this Understanding shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five years.

Article 11

This Undertaking may be amended after a relevant proposal has been made either Party and with the consent of both Parties.

Article 11

This Undertaking shall enter into force on the date it has been signed.

Signed by  Commodore Md. Shafiq Bari
on 2025

in Bangladesh

Director General, Department of Shipping.

Signed by  Alf Tore Sorheim
on 2025

in Norway Director General of shipping
and Navigation
Norwegian Maritime Authority