



CIRCULAR

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The list of Estonian maritime law acts that foreign management level ship officers must be familiar with, according to the Annex of the STCW Convention, regulation 1/10 point 2.

1. **Maritime Safety Act**

- Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Estonia of 20.06.2013 No. 96 "[Requirements for the training and qualification of seafarers and procedures for certification](#)"
- Regulation of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications of 21.05.2013 No. 34 "[Procedure for watchkeeping on ships](#)"
- Regulation of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications of 06.12.2002 No. 24 "[Procedure for suspension or revocation of the endorsement to a certificate of competency or a certificate of proficiency of ship's officers](#)"

2. **Merchant Shipping Code**

3. **Penal Code** (§§ 422, 423, 425 and 429).

**Explanations:**

1. According to the Annex of STCW Convention regulation 1/10 point 2, and to the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Estonia of 20.06.2013 No. 96 "Requirements for the training and qualification of seafarers and procedures for certification", management level ship officers who are foreign nationals and work on an Estonian-flagged ship must be familiar with Estonian maritime law.
2. The company must organize the familiarisation of foreign management level ship officers with Estonian maritime law.
3. The company must issue a certificate proving familiarisation with Estonian maritime law to the Estonian Maritime Administration. The form of the certificate is given in the annex to this Circular.
4. According to the Law of Ship Flag and Ship Registers Act § 3 (1), the Master of a seagoing vessel for which a certificate of nationality has been issued must be an Estonian citizen or the citizen of a Member State of the European Union or of a state which is a contracting party to the EEA Agreement.

(signed digitally)

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Certificate „\_\_\_\_,“ \_\_\_\_\_2017 \_\_\_\_

According to regulation 1/10 point 2 of the Annex to the STCW Convention and to § 34 of the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Estonia of 20 June 2013 No. 96 “Requirements for the training and qualification of seafarers and procedures for certification”, ..... is familiar with Estonian maritime law and prepared to work on the ships of .....(company name) flying the Estonian flag.

This Certificate shall be submitted to the Estonian Maritime Administration for application for the endorsement to a foreign certificate of competency.

The name and signature of an authorised person of the company