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Notice Published Seeking Comments on Development of a Policy for Recognition of Foreign STCW Certificates

The Coast Guard announced today publication in the Federal Register of a Notice requesting public comments on the development of a policy for the recognition of foreign certificates held by foreign maritime officers who may be employed on some United States flag vessels.

Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, (STCW) requires Parties to the Convention to establish procedures to recognize STCW certificates issued by or under the authority of another Party. The Coast Guard is soliciting comments from mariners, industry, and the public to assist in development of such a procedure. The Coast Guard is particularly interested in identifying which United States flag vessels employ foreign citizens, the nationalities of these mariners, and the countries that issue their STCW certificates.

The notice may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2010-0797.

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