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Circular No. FSI/13/2026

To: Registered Owners, Ship Operators, Masters, Manning Agents, Seafarers, Recognized Organizations (ROs), Registration Agents, and Other Interested Parties of Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels

Subject: Recognition of Certificates of Competency and Certificates of Proficiency under Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended

Purpose: This Circular establishes the Administration's framework and reference list for the recognition and endorsement of Certificates of Competency (CoCs) and, where applicable, Certificates of Proficiency (CoPs) issued by or under the authority of other Parties to the STCW Convention.

Scope and Applicability: This Circular applies to seafarers serving, or intending to serve, on board Tanzania Zanzibar International registered vessels where recognition of a certificate issued by another STCW Party is required in accordance with Regulation I/10.

Date: 29 September 2026

1. Legal basis and references

The recognition of certificates under this Circular is administered in accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended, in particular Regulations I/2 and I/10 and the corresponding provisions of the STCW Code.

Reference is also made to IMO MSC.1/Circ.1163, as revised, concerning Parties confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information demonstrating that full and complete effect is given to the relevant provisions of the STCW Convention, and to IMO MSC.1/Circ.1450, Guidance on arrangements between Parties to allow for recognition of certificates under Regulation I/10.

2. Recognition policy

TZIRS may recognize, for service on Tanzania Zanzibar International registered vessels, valid Certificates of Competency and, where applicable, Certificates of Proficiency issued by or under the authority of the States Parties listed in section 3 of this Circular, subject to compliance with the STCW Convention and the Administration's applicable requirements.

Inclusion of a State Party in this Circular does not, by itself, create an unconditional entitlement to recognition or endorsement. Recognition remains subject to the existence and continuing validity of the arrangements required by Regulation I/10, satisfactory verification of the certificate and issuing authority, and compliance with any additional requirements established by TZIRS.

TZIRS reserves the right to request additional supporting documentation, impose conditions or restrictions, suspend recognition, decline an application, or amend the list of States Parties whenever considered necessary by the Administration.



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3. States Parties considered for recognition under Regulation I/10

The following 130 States Parties are included in the Administration's reference list for the purposes described in this Circular. The United Republic of Tanzania is not included because certificates issued under its own authority do not require recognition by endorsement under Regulation I/10.

Albania	Greece	Pakistan
Algeria	Guatemala	Palau
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Panama
Argentina	Hungary	Papua New Guinea
Australia	Iceland	Peru
Azerbaijan	India	Philippines (the)
Bahamas (the)	Indonesia	Poland
Bahrain	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Portugal
Bangladesh	Ireland	Qatar
Barbados	Israel	Republic of Korea (the)
Belgium	Italy	Romania
Belize	Jamaica	Russian Federation (the)
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Japan	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Brazil	Jordan	Samoa
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Kenya	Senegal
Cabo Verde	Kiribati	Serbia*****
Cambodia	Kuwait	Seychelles
Canada	Latvia	Singapore
Chile	Lebanon	Slovakia
China*	Liberia	Slovenia
Colombia	Libya	Solomon Islands
Comoros (the)	Lithuania	South Africa
Cook Islands (the)	Luxembourg	Spain
Côte d'Ivoire	Madagascar	Sri Lanka
Croatia	Malawi	Sweden
Cuba	Malaysia	Switzerland
Cyprus	Maldives	Syrian Arab Republic
Czech Republic	Malta	Thailand
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Marshall Islands (the)	Togo
Denmark**	Mauritania	Tonga
Dominica	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Ecuador	Mexico	Tunisia
Egypt	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Turkey
El Salvador	Montenegro*****	Tuvalu
Eritrea	Morocco	Ukraine
Estonia	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates (the)
Ethiopia	Myanmar	United Kingdom (the)***
Fiji	Netherlands (the)***	United States (the)
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay
France	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Georgia	Norway	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Germany	Oman	Viet Nam
Ghana		

* Includes Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to IMO).

** Includes the Faroe Islands (Associate Member to IMO).

*** Includes Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

**** Includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and Isle of Man.

***** References concerning Serbia and Montenegro are to be understood in accordance with the relevant treaty succession arrangements reflected in the IMO list.



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4. Application and verification requirements

Applications for a Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping endorsement attesting recognition shall be submitted through the procedures prescribed by TZIRS and shall include the underlying certificate and any supporting documentation required by the Administration.

Certificates shall be verified directly with the issuing Administration or through an official verification system accepted by TZIRS. Where authenticity, validity, scope, capacity, limitation or status cannot be satisfactorily confirmed, the application may be held, restricted or declined.

Where required by the STCW Convention, applicants shall demonstrate appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of Tanzania relevant to the functions they are permitted to perform.

5. Continued validity and changes

Recognition is conditional upon the continued validity of the underlying certificate and the continued acceptability of the issuing Party's certification arrangements. TZIRS may amend this list whenever new information, IMO decisions, changes to applicable recognition arrangements, or other relevant circumstances so require.

6. Entry into force

This Circular enters into force on 29 September 2026 and shall remain in force until amended, superseded or withdrawn by the Administration.

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