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**GUIDANCE FOR COMPETENT PERSONS EVALUATING INFORMATION
COMMUNICATED BY PARTIES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CONVENTION AND
STCW CODE WHICH HAVE ENTERED INTO
FORCE AFTER 1 AUGUST 1998**

1 The Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping, at its thirtieth session (25 to 29 January 1999), noted that certain clarifications with respect to evaluation of information communicated by Parties on implementation of the amendments to the STCW Convention and STCW Code which entered into force after 1 August 1998, were necessary.

2 The Sub-Committee agreed that:

- .1 in the case of Parties communicating information by 1 August 1998, the evaluation by competent persons should only relate to the relevant requirements which were applicable on 1 August 1998; and
- .2 in the case of Parties communicating information after 1 August 1998, the evaluation should relate to the relevant requirements which were applicable on the date the information was communicated to the Secretary-General.

3 Parties to the STCW Convention are invited to be guided accordingly and to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all the competent persons nominated by them.
