



## TECHNICAL ALERT No. 15-23

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### Bahamas STCW Recognition of Belize STCW Certificate of Competency

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Technical Alert draws all parties attention to the decision of the Belize Maritime Administration, International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) to cease issuing Certificate of Competency (CoC) in accordance with The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) and the implication to applications for a Bahamas STCW Flag State Endorsement that recognised a Belize CoC.
- 1.2. All parties employing or intending to employ seafarers with a Belize CoC should be guided by this information to avoid any delays to the ship.

#### 2. General

- 2.1. The BMA advises all parties that based on the decision by IMMARBE to cease issuing Belize STCW CoC, the BMA will not issue a Bahamas Flag State Endorsement (FSE) to any seafarer with a Belize CoC that was issued after 14 November 2014.
- 2.2. Companies submitting a Belize CoC, which was issued prior to 14 November 2014, for a Bahamas FSE should note that The BMA has removed Belize from the Bahamas Online Registration System (BORIS) and additional verification measures have been introduced for seafarers with a Belize CoC. This may result in delays to affected applications including the issuance of a Bahamas Confirmation of Receipt of Application (CRA).

#### 3. Validity

- 3.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

#### 4. Revision History

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