Updating of “Application for a Licence” form to include information of medical fitness certificate

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Agents, Masters and Officers

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform shipowners, ship managers, agents, masters and officers about the updated application form - “Application for a Licence” to include the means for availing Marine Department (MD) to verify the medical certificate issued by medical practitioners.

1. In order to ensure that persons responsible for assessing the medical fitness of seafarers are medical practitioners recognized by the Party of STCW for the purpose of seafarer medical examinations, in accordance with the provisions of section A-I/9 of the STCW Code, MD requests the applicant of Hong Kong License (HKL) to declare that the medical practitioner who issued the Medical Fitness Certificate is recognized by an issuing authority of the STCW Party.

2. The form “Application for a Licence” was amended by adding “Part VI Medical Fitness Certificate” to include the following information:
   
   (i) the basic information of Medical Fitness Certificate; and
   
   (ii) proof of recognition of the medical practitioners by the Party in accordance with STCW A-I/9.4.

3. In addition to above amendments, the form was updated with a unified number “MD 680”, and the guidance notes was also tuned in paragraph 10.

4. Please note the application of HKL might be rejected or delayed on processing if the applicant could not provide sufficient information. The updated form can be found on MD’s...
website (https://www.mardep.gov.hk/hk/msnote/msin.html) as annex to this Information Note.

5. Enquiries relating to this Note should be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Seagoing Examination and Mercantile Marine Office on telephone no.: (+852) 2852 4383; fax no.: (+852) 2541 6754; or e-mail address: sssem@mardep.gov.hk.

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