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TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, MANNING AGENCISES,
SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs),
ASSESSMENT CENTERS (ACs), MARITIME HIGHER
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MHEIs) AND OTHER MARITIME
INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPANIES FOR SHIP-SPECIFIC
INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMMES

In accordance with Regulation I/14 of the STCW Convention, and as established by the Administration, it is hereby informed that companies responsible for the assignment of seafarers for service on their ships shall provide ship-specific introductory programmes aimed at assisting newly employed seafarers to familiarize themselves with all procedures and equipment relating to their areas of responsibility. Specifically for free-fall lifeboats, companies shall ensure that:

- a. all seafarers on a ship fitted with free-fall lifeboats should receive familiarization training in boarding and launching procedures for such lifeboats; and
- b. prior to joining a ship, seafarers assigned as operating crew of free-fall lifeboats should have undergone appropriate training in boarding, launching and recovering of such lifeboats, including participation on at least one occasion in a free-fall launch.

For the guidance of all concerned.


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