

Shipping & Transport - Cyprus

Updated list of countries with recognised certificates of competency

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The Department of Merchant Shipping has issued an updated list of countries whose certificates of competency are accepted for the issue of endorsements recognising non-Cyprus certificates of competency under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 (as amended).

Georgia has been removed from the list in accordance with the November 22 2010 decision of the European Commission, which withdrew the recognition that had been granted according to Article 18(3c) of EU Directive 2001/25/EC. The department will no longer issue Cyprus endorsements recognising Georgian certificates of competency, but issued endorsements remain valid until they expire. The department will reissue Cyprus endorsements recognising Georgian certificates to masters and officers only on the basis of approved seagoing service on board Cyprus-flagged ships, involving the performance of duties appropriate to the certificate held, for an accumulated period of at least one year during the preceding five years.

The updated list of countries whose certificates of competency are accepted is as follows.

Algeria	Czech Republic	Indonesia	Netherlands	Russia
Argentina	Denmark	Iran	New Zealand	Singapore
Australia	Egypt*	Ireland	Nigeria*	Slovakia
Bangladesh*	Estonia	Israel	Norway	Slovenia
Belgium	Finland	Italy	Pakistan	South Africa

Brazil	France	Jamaica	Peru	Spain
Bulgaria	Germany	Japan*	Philippines	Sri Lanka
Canada	Ghana*	Latvia	Poland	Sweden
Cape Verde*	Greece	Lithuania	Portugal	Turkey
Chile	Hong Kong	Malta	Korea	Ukraine
China	Hungary	Mexico	Montenegro	United Kingdom
Croatia	Iceland	Morocco*	Serbia	United States
Cuba	India	Myanmar	Romania	Vietnam

*Countries in the process of being assessed by the European Commission.

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