



Circular 2015/003

EXEMPTION OF NATIONALITY REQUIREMENT – COMMAND BELGIAN SHIP

Date: 14/12/2015

To whom it may concern,

In application of article 51, paragraph 1 of the Belgian Royal Ship Registration Decree of 4 April 1996, I hereby exempt all masters having the nationality of a member state of the European Union, from the nationality requirement as referred to in article 7 of the Belgian Law of 21 December 1990, with the view of the command on a the Belgian ship.

This exemption in no way affects the applying limitations (if any) mentioned on the Belgian 'endorsement attesting the recognition of a certificate under the provisions of the international convention on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers 1978, as amended' (STCW endorsement) which is a necessary requirement for each master. Each master who has command on a Belgian ship must comply with all relevant requirements under Belgian law or Belgian Maritime Inspectorate Circulars concerning the Master of a ship.

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