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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators, manning agencies and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

Reduced renewal fees for Vanuatu Endorsements for certain Seafarers.

A Seafarer whose Vanuatu Endorsement has an expiration date in December of 2016 or January 2017 due to the new STCW requirements (that all Deck Officers must have ECDIS as of 1 January 2017 in order to remain current) may submit a renewal application based on their renewed National COC or STCW supplement indicating they have fulfilled the new STCW requirements between April and September of this year (2016). This will entitle the Seafarer, vessel owner, operator and/or manning agent a 15% reduction in the applicable renewal fee. After September the fee schedule will revert back to the normal rates. The processing fee and the shipping cost will remain unchanged. The temporary fee schedule for the applicable seafarers will be as follows:

MASTER/CHIEF ENGINEER	\$127.50
CHIEF OFFICER/2ND ENGINEER	\$106.25
NAVIGATIONAL & ENGINEERING OFFICER's of the watch	\$85.00
ALL RADIO/GOC/GMDSS	\$85.00

ALL ID books will remain the same: \$50.00



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