



MARITIME AUTHORITY OF JAMAICA

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Circular on Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

To: All Ship Masters and Crew Members

Subject: Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse in Accordance with STCW Regulation VIII/I

Date: April 20, 2024

Dear Ship Masters and Crew Members,

In line with our commitment to upholding the highest standards of safety and professionalism in maritime operations, we are issuing this circular to underscore the importance of preventing drug and alcohol abuse onboard vessels flying the Jamaican flag. This circular is issued in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), Regulation VIII/1.

Drug and alcohol abuse pose serious risks to the safety of maritime operations, endangering the lives of crew members, compromising the security of the vessel, and potentially causing harm to the marine environment. As such, it is imperative that all personnel onboard remain vigilant in preventing and addressing substance abuse issues.

In compliance with STCW Regulation VIII/1, we hereby remind all ship masters and crew members of the following key points regarding the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse:

1. **Zero-Tolerance Policy:** Enforce a strict zero-tolerance policy against the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs and unauthorized substances onboard. Any form of drug abuse is strictly prohibited and shall result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment and legal consequences.
2. **Alcohol Management:** Implement clear guidelines and procedures for the responsible consumption of alcohol onboard, in accordance with company policies and international regulations. Crew members are reminded to adhere to prescribed alcohol limits and refrain from consuming alcohol before or during duty periods.
3. **Education and Awareness:** Provide comprehensive training and education programs to all crew members on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as the potential consequences for individual health, safety, and professional integrity. Encourage open dialogue and proactive measures to prevent substance abuse.
4. **Testing and Screening:** Conduct regular drug and alcohol testing and screening procedures as part of routine medical examinations and random inspections. Ensure that all crew members understand their obligations regarding testing protocols and cooperate fully with testing procedures.
5. **Support Services:** Establish support services and resources onboard, including counseling and rehabilitation programs, to assist crew members struggling with substance abuse issues.

Encourage a culture of support and compassion, where individuals feel comfortable seeking help without fear of stigma or reprisal.

6. **Reporting and Response:** Establish clear procedures for reporting suspected cases of drug or alcohol abuse to the appropriate authorities onboard. Ensure that all reports are handled confidentially and investigated promptly, with due regard for the rights and privacy of individuals involved.

Compliance with the provisions outlined in this circular is mandatory for all vessels registered under the flag of Jamaica. Any deviation from these requirements may result in regulatory sanctions and compromise the safety and integrity of maritime operations.

We urge all ship masters and crew members to remain vigilant in preventing drug and alcohol abuse onboard and to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and safety at all times.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



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关于预防吸毒酗酒的通函

致：所有船长和船员

主题：根据 STCW 条例 VIII/1 防止滥用药物和酒精

日期：2024 年 4 月 20 日

尊敬的船长和船员们：

根据我们在海上作业中坚持最高安全和专业标准的承诺，我们发布本通知是为了强调在悬挂牙买加国旗的船只上防止药物和酒精滥用的重要性。本通告是根据《国际海员培训、发证和值班标准公约》第 VIII/1 号条例的规定发布的。

药物和酒精滥用对海上作业安全构成严重风险，危及船员的生命，危及船舶安全，并可能对海洋环境造成危害。因此，船上所有人员必须保持警惕，预防和解决药物滥用问题。

根据 STCW 条例 VIII/1，我们在此提醒所有船长和船员以下关于预防药物和酒精滥用的要点：

- 1. 零容忍政策：**对船上使用、持有或分销非法药物和未经授权的物品实施严格的零容忍政策。严禁任何形式的药物滥用，并将受到纪律处分，包括解雇和法律后果。
- 2. 酒精管理：**根据公司政策和国际法规，有责任执行明确的船上饮酒指南和程序。提醒船上人员遵守规定的酒精限量，在值班前或值班期间不要饮酒。
- 3. 教育和意识：**为所有人提供全面的培训和教育计划，向船上人员介绍滥用药物和酒精的危险，以及对个人健康、安全和职业操守的潜在后果。鼓励公开对话并采取积极措施防止药物滥用。
- 4. 检测和筛查：**作为常规体检和随机检查的一部分，定期进行药物和酒精检测和筛查程序。确保所有船上人员了解他们在测试方面的义务，并充分配合履行测试程序。
- 5. 支持服务：**建立船上的支持服务和资源，包括咨询和康复计划，以帮助船员解决药物滥用问题。鼓励一种支持和同情的文化，让个人在寻求帮助时感到舒适，而不必担心耻辱或报复。
- 6. 报告和反应：**建立明确的程序，向船上有关部门报告疑似药物或酒精滥用案件。确保所有报告都得到保密处理并及时进行调查，同时适当考虑相关个人的权利和隐私。

所有牙买加国旗注册的船只都必须遵守本通知所列规定。任何偏离这些要求的行为都可能导致监管制裁，并危及海上作业的安全和完整性。

我们敦促所有船长和船员保持警惕，防止船上滥用毒品和酒精，并始终坚持最高标准的专业精神和安全。

感谢您的关注与合作。