

**Commonwealth of Dominica****Office of the Maritime Administrator**

- TO:** ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS, OFFICERS, MARINE PERSONNEL, TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, FACILITIES AND TRAINING PROVIDERS, MANNING AGENCIES, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS
- SUBJECT:** Familiarization with Dominica Maritime Legislation and Requirements
- PURPOSE:** This Notice advises shipowners, operators, and seafarers of the requirements for familiarization with Dominica maritime legislation, regulations and marine safety circulars and directives and the need for compliance to assure safe and effective ship operations and protection of the marine environment.
- APPLICATION:** The requirements apply to shipowners, operators, masters and chief mates sailing on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more and chief engineers and first assistant engineers
- REFERENCE:**
- (a) CDP-100 International Maritime Act 2000
  - (b) CDP-102 Maritime Regulations
  - (c) CDP-300 Requirements for Merchant Marine Personnel Certification
  - (d) CDP-301 Familiarization with National Maritime Legislation
  - (e) CDP-400 Rules and Procedures for Marine Investigations & Hearings
  - (f) International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended 1995

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**1.0** A person holding a valid certificate issued by a State fully applying the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, 1978, as amended in 1995, and who is not otherwise disqualified in the opinion of the Deputy Maritime Administrator or other official to whom application is made, must be familiar with the Dominica Maritime Legislation and requirements relevant to the functions to be performed.

**2.0** Publication CDP-301, "Familiarization with National Maritime Legislation," is required reading for management level ship's officers. At the time of application for a Dominica certificate, applicants certify that they understand this requirement and will comply. A copy of CDP-301 is provided by the Administration at the time a certificate is issued.

**3.0** Shipowners, operators, masters, chief mates, chief engineers and first assistant engineers shall take those steps necessary to assure that this requirement is met and that the requirements and polices set out in these publications are complied with.