

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978**

Conduct of trials under regulation I/5 of the 1991 Amendments

Information submitted by the Netherlands

- 1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its sixty-first session, endorsed the new series of STCW.5 circulars for disseminating information received from Member Governments on the conduct of trials in accordance with regulation I/5 of the STCW Convention.
- 2 Attached hereto at annex is information provided by the Government of the Netherlands on the conduct of trials.
- 3 The results of the trials will be communicated to the Organization in due course.

ANNEX

1 Referring to regulation I/5 of the 1978 STCW Convention and MSC Circ. 566, containing Guidelines for the Conduct of Trials, in which the officer of the navigational watch acts as the sole look-out in periods of darkness, the Organization is hereby informed that the Netherlands Maritime Authority has granted permission to carry out such trials on board the following ships:

DUTCH SPIRIT
DUTCH FAITH
STELLA WEGA

Further particulars of the ships, which are presently under construction, will be forwarded when available.

2 The ships' bridges are equipped in accordance with the guidelines contained in MSC Circ.566 and the trials will only commence after a sufficient familiarization period of the officers involved has been completed. The expected dates of commencement of the trials are:

DUTCH SPIRIT 01 MAY 1996
DUTCH FAITH 01 JULY 1996
STELLE WEGA 01 OCTOBER 1996

3 The results of the trials will in due course be reported to the Organization.
