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Mr. Eric P. Friend
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REF: MITAGS-14
JUN 28 2010

Dear Mr. Friend:

We write in response to your letter of March 19, 2010, requesting renewal the approval of your 70-Hour Advanced Cargo Operations course.

The course satisfies applicable requirements, and the following approval is granted subject to the conditions specified below and in Enclosure (1):

Any applicant who has successfully completed your 70-Hour Advanced Cargo Operations course will satisfy the Advanced Cargo Operations training requirements for STCW certification as Master or Chief Mate on vessels of 500 or more gross tonnage (ITC). The practical assessments in this will be accepted as the equivalent of the following assessments from the National Assessment Guidelines for Table A-11/2 of the STCW Code: M-9-1A; M-9-1B; M-9-1C; and M-9-1D.

Applicants who have successfully completed your course need not present completed "Control Sheets" for these assessments in application for STCW certification.

This course may be given as a single, continuous course, or in two 35 hour modules. Students must complete the entire course within one year.

The instructors approved to teach this course are listed in Enclosure (2). Requests to add additional instructors must be submitted to this office for evaluation and written approval.

Your certificate of training must state the name of the course as *Advanced Cargo Operations (MITAGS-14)* and the dates and location at which the training was conducted.

This course is approved to be presented at your facility in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. In order to give this course at any other location, you must submit a request to the REC in whose zone the training is to be given at least 21 days in advance.

This approval is effective August 1, 2010, and expires on August 31, 2015. Subsequent five year renewals may be granted upon a written request to this office made at least 90 days before this approval expires.

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If you have questions contact Mr. David Harper at David.D.Harper@uscg.mil or (304) 433-3714.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Mariner Training and Assessment Division
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

Enclosure: (1) Terms of Course Approval
(2) Approved Instructors
(3) Certificate of Approval

Copy: REC Baltimore

Terms of Course Approval
Maritime Institute of Technology & Graduate Studies
70-Hour Advanced Cargo Operations

1. All examinations the student takes to successfully pass the course must be different from any examination he or she has previously taken or did not pass. (46 CFR 11.303(c)).
2. For at least one year after the end of each student's enrollment, you must maintain on file their examinations, a report of practical tests administered, and a record of their classroom attendance. (46 CFR 11.303(d)).
3. Any proposed change to the course, including a change of simulators or training aids, or changes or additions of instructors must be submitted to this office for evaluation and written approval. (46 CFR 11.303(e)).
4. Any proposed modifications to your approved training facility must be submitted to REC Baltimore.
5. You must allow, at any time, the National Maritime Center, or a designated representative, to:
 - a. Inspect your facilities, equipment and records, including scholastic records;
 - b. Interview and survey students to aid in course evaluation;
 - c. Assign personnel to observe or participate in the course of instruction, with or without prior notification; and,
 - d. Supervise or administer the required examinations or practical demonstrations. (46 CFR 11.303(±)).
6. Per Enclosure (1), paragraph d. (2), of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 5-95 and Volume III, Chapter 7, paragraph L., of the Marine Safety Manual, all course renewal requests are required to be submitted to the National Maritime Center at least 90 days before the current approval expires.

ENCLOSURE (1)