



29 August 2013

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Dear Mr Christiansen

Request for Extension of Public Consultation

Your message of 2:06pm on 28 August 2013, requesting a further four weeks for consultation on the second version of the draft Marine Order 3 (Seafarer Certification), has been forwarded to me for consideration and response.

A four week consultation period has already been provided for in this process. This was considered appropriate given this was the second round of public consultation and was primarily updating the earlier version in response to comments received from the first round. AMSA also included a detailed document on the changes in order to assist and guide readers on the changes. AMSA did not simply supply the legislative instrument only.

I note the reason for requesting the extension is your claim that the first many of your members heard of the consultation period was from AIMPE's '*Stop Press*' in your magazine '*On Watch*', which many of them are only receiving now.

In response, I can advise that when the consultation documents were made available on 31 July 2013, as well as placing the information on the internet, AMSA also specifically advised approximately 640 stakeholders which included not only key industry bodies such as the AIMPE, but also all the individual seafarers who provided a valid email address during the first round of consultation. As you know from the consultation documents, individual seafarers accounted for 92% of respondents from the first round of consultation.

I am also aware that AIMPE made it's submission to AMSA on the draft, as the representative body of it's members, on 20 August 2013. Additionally, Mr Matthey, AIMPE National Organiser, emailed this submission to AIMPE members on 20 August 2013 with an encouragement for members to reflect the AIMPE submission. The request also asked that you be copied in on those submissions and we have noted numerous examples of where this has been done.

In considering your request and whether to extend the consultation period, I note that the AMSA approach and AIMPE encouragement to its members appear to have been very effective as it has clearly reached many engineers. We have received just over 160 submissions before the closing date of 28 August. Of these approximately 115 have been received from marine engineers.



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Having consider the matter, and to allow AMSA to progress resolution of this important issue, AMSA will not be extending this consultation period as requested by AIMPE and the closing date for submissions from all industry sectors remains unchanged.

Yours sincerely



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