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Subject

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

In accordance with a recent change in Dutch Shipping legislation for sailing vessels (Regulation crew seagoing sailing vessels), a seafarer in possession of a

**Certificate of Competency of Officer in charge of a  
navigational watch on sailing vessels < 500 GT  
in unlimited trading area**

may fulfill the function of

**Chief mate**

on board of sailing vessels of less than 500 GT in unlimited trading area.

Yours sincerely,



Drs. P. Oost  
Senior-inspector NSI