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To whom it may concern.

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The Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate (NSI) declares to have no objection against letting a person who holds a Certificate of Competency for Officer in charge of a navigational watch (II/1), Chief Mate (II/2) or Master (II/2) serve as a Rating Deck (II/4) or Rating.

We also have no objection to a Chief Engineer (III/3 / III/2) Second Engineer (III/3 / III/2) or Officer in charge of an engineering watch (III/1) to serve as a Rating Engine Room (III/4)

The NSI does stress that the person who serves as a Rating Deck or Rating Engine Room has to be mentioned on the crew list as a Rating Deck (II/4) or Rating Engine Room (III/4) and shall in practice also carry out the work associated with this function.

It should be noted that seagoing service as a Rating Deck or Rating Engine Room cannot be used to extend or upgrade a COC for an officer.

The NSI bases this statement on the fact that the required vocational training of the Officer in charge of a navigational watch and Officer in charge of an engineering watch is of a higher order than the required training of the Rating forming part of a navigational watch and Rating forming part of an engineering watch and is therefore sufficient to fulfil a lower rank on board.

I hope I have informed you sufficiently, if you have any questions regarding this statement please contact us via nsi-manningplan@ilent.nl

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
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on his behalf,

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