



Zagreb, 9th June 2011

Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Republic of Croatia
H.E. Capt. Mario Babić, STATE SECRETARY
Prisavlje 14, Zagreb

Your Excellency,

In reply to your letter of June 8th 2011, concerning immigration rules applicable to Croatian seafarers on board ships operating in Brazilian jurisdictional waters and navigating to and from Brazilian ports, I have the pleasure to inform you the following:

I – LONG RANGE NAVIGATION (a trip between a foreign and a Brazilian harbor, which does not carry out transactions of coasters)

Requirement for Croatian seafarers: a passport with a validity of at least six months from date of arrival in Brazil to allow them to embark/disembark the ships during long course trips, for a short leave, for transit, either to return to Croatia or to proceed to other destinations.

This rule takes into consideration that a business visa (VITEM-II) – which otherwise would be applicable - is not required from Croatian citizens due to reciprocity agreement with Brazil.

II – CABOTAGE NAVIGATION – (trips between two Brazilian harbors or points within Brazilian territory)

Requirement for Croatian seafarers: a temporary working visa V (VITEM-V), issued by a Brazilian Embassy or Consulate, after a work approval has been granted in Brazil by the Ministry of Labor.

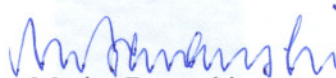
This rule is also applicable to all nationals of countries that did not sign and did not ratify ILO Convention 108 or 185.

III – PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES ON A FOREIGN CARRIER/SHIP OR PLATFORM (drilling, geophysics research, technical jobs on oil rigs or gas prospection, or any other services and paid activities aboard ships along Brazilian coast, rivers or waterways (situation 4 mentioned in your letter.)

Requirement: temporary working visa V (VITEM-V) - applicable to all foreigners.

The Embassy of Brazil remains at your disposal should you need any further clarification.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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