

Medical Examination of Divers

Asia-Pacific Initiative

Information note IMCA D 20/01, issued in July 2001, advised members of the requirements for doctors who undertake annual medical examination of divers, in light of the UK Health & Safety Executive (HSE) withdrawal of recognition from doctors operating outside the UK.

Subsequently, four members in Singapore agreed to jointly recognise a number of doctors to conduct diver medicals to the standard cited in IMCA D 20/01. This was publicised via information note IMCA D 21/01, updated by D 09/07 which was updated periodically. Diving contractors in the wider Asia-Pacific region have now agreed an updated list of jointly recognised doctors and have asked IMCA to publicise the attached note.

While IMCA is not in a position to approve or recognise doctors (for clarity, no doctor is 'IMCA approved'), it welcomes this contractor initiative and is pleased to publicise the agreement, a copy of which is attached.

Recognition of Doctors to Perform Medical Examination of Divers

Asia-Pacific Region

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1. This note is issued jointly by the following diving contractors:

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- Cal Dive International
- DOF ASA
- Master Tech Diving Services Pte Ltd
- McDermott International Inc
- Mermaid Subsea Services (Thailand) Ltd
- Ocean Works Asia, Inc.
- PT Lancar Rejeki Berkat Jaya
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1 In developing this list, the above-listed diving contractors have used guidance passed on by IMCA – the International Marine Contractors Association – via its information note [IMCA D 20/01](#) – “*Medical examiners of divers*”. However, it is recognised that IMCA is not in a position to approve individual diving doctors.

- 2 This joint recognition of the above-listed doctors will continue until such a time as an alternative arrangement has been made regarding the approval of diving doctors.
- 3 The above-listed diving contractors welcome the development of an approval scheme by the Diving Medical Advisory Committee (DMAC) and the Medical Subcommittee of the European Diving Technology Committee (EDTCmed) as set out in guidance note [DMAC 29 Rev. 1](#) – “*Approval of Diving Medicine Courses*”.
- 4 The above listed diving contractors hereby ask IMCA to circulate this note to its members for their information.