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**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE ADMINISTRATION**

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**Directive ( 4/2018 )**

**Application of Extension, Dispensation, Equivalence or Exemption**

**Applicable to: All Ship-Owners, Ship Operators, Flag State Surveyors, Recognized Organizations, Masters and Officers of Myanmar Flagged Ships.**

**Reference :**

- (a) SOLAS 74 as amended, Chapter I/4, I/5, III/2, IV/3, V/3
- (b) STCW 78 as amended, Article VIII, IX, Chapter II
- (c) STCW Code as amended, Section A-VI/1
- (d) COLREG 72 as amended
- (e) International Grain code, Part A-Section 5
- (f) IMSBC Code, Section 1.5
- (g) IMO SLS.14/Circ.115

1. The Department of Marine Administration circulates this directive in the exercise of the power of Section 245 E and 294 (B), paragraph (b) of Myanmar Merchant shipping Act 1923, as amended.

2. This directive applies to Myanmar flagged ships on international voyages of:

- Cargo ships of 500GT and upwards
- All passenger ships

3. In case where the Shipping Companies/Owners, Operators or Ship Masters request any Services of Extension, Dispensation, Equivalence or Exemption with legitimate grounds for above-mentioned International Instruments. their application shall be submitted in advance by using the form prescribed in the Guidance for Extension, Dispensation, Equivalence or Exemption which is set out by Department of Marine Administration.

4. An Exemption or Equivalence will only be granted where compliance with the regulations is shown to be unreasonable and the Department of Marine Administration is satisfied that alternative steps are taken to achieve an equivalent level of safety. When an Exemption Certificate is issued,

port state authorities should interpret this as meaning that the ship complies with the provisions of the Convention.

5. Extensions or Dispensations will be issued with time specific corrective action requirements compliance with which are reportable to the Department of Marine Administration by the expiry date. Prompt notification is critical to ensure the deficiency is properly addressed and to mitigate possible Administrative or PSC action against the vessel and Owner/Operator.



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