



## Policy for the Implementation of Duration and Validity of Certificates

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### Duration and Validity of Certificates

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this QOP is to provide guidelines to be followed and understood by staffs involved in survey and certification process of Cargo Ship and Passenger ship Statutory Certificate for the ships engaged on international voyage.

#### 2. Scope

Certification process for cargo ship and passenger ship statutory certificates have been scoped in accordance with Regulation I/14 of the international convention on safety of life at sea (SOLAS-1974) as amended.

#### 3. Application

This quality operational procedure shall be used to the determination of the validity of statutory certificates subjected to the Myanmar Flagged vessels engaged on International Voyages.

#### 4. Reference

References were made to -

- International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS-1974) as amended.

#### 5. Responsibility

- The Director General as the management head of DMA is responsible for the issues Certificate or delegates the Recognized Organization for issue of Certificate in accordance with the National Requirement in duration and validity of certificates.
- The Director of Engineering Division has to determine the validity of certificates in accordance with the provision of this QOP for Myanmar Government Classed vessel based on the survey report submitted by Flag State Surveyor.

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## 6. Duration and Validity of certificates;

- (a) A Passenger Ship Safety Certificate shall be issued for a period not exceeding 12 months.
- (b) A Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and Load Lines Certificate shall be issued for the validity of five years with the annual survey and endorsement.
- (c) An Exemption Certificate shall not be valid for longer than the period of the certificate to which it refers.
- (d) (i) notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a) (b) and (c), when the renewal survey is completed within three months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to:
  - (1) for a passenger ship, a date not exceeding 12 months from the date of expiry of the existing certificate;
  - (2) for a cargo ship, a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate;
- (ii) when the renewal survey is completed after the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to:
  - (1) for a passenger ship, a date not exceeding 12 months from the date of expiry of the existing certificate;
  - (2) for a cargo ship, a date not exceeding five years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate;
- (iii) when the renewal survey is completed more than three months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to:
  - (1) for a passenger ship, a date not exceeding 12 months from the date of

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completion of the renewal survey;

(2) for a cargo ship, a date not exceeding five years from the date of completion of the renewal survey.

- (e) If a certificate other than a Passenger Ship Safety Certificate is issued for a period of less than five years, the DMA may extend the validity of the certificate beyond the expiry date to the maximum period specified in paragraph (a), (b) and (c), when a certificate is issued for a period of 5 years are carried out as appropriate.
- (f) If a renewal survey has been completed and a new certificate cannot be issued or placed on board the ship before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the flag state surveyor or organization authorized by the DMA may endorse the existing certificate and such a certificate shall be accepted as valid for a further period which shall not exceed 5 months from the expiry date.
- (g) If a Myanmar Flagged ship at the time when a certificate expires is not in a port in which it is to be surveyed, the DMA may extend the period of validity of the certificate but this extension shall be granted only for the purpose of allowing the ship to complete its voyage to the port in which it is to be surveyed, and then only in cases where it appears proper and reasonable to do so. No certificate shall be extended for a period longer than three months, and a ship to which an extension is granted shall not, on its arrival in the port in which it is to be surveyed, be entitled by virtue of such extension to leave that port without having a new certificate. When the renewal survey is completed, the new certificate shall be valid to:
  - (i) for a passenger ship, a date not exceeding 12 months from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted;
  - (ii) for a cargo ship, a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted.
- (h) A certificate issued to a ship engaged on short voyages which has not been extended under the foregoing provisions of this regulation may be extended by the DMA for a period of grace of up to one month from the date of expiry stated on it. When the renewal survey is completed, the new certificate shall be valid to:

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- (i) for a passenger ship, a date not exceeding 12 months from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted;
  - (ii) for a cargo ship, a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted.
- (i) In special circumstances, as determined by the DMA, a new certificate need not be dated from the date of expiry of the existing certificate as required by paragraphs (d) (ii), (g) or (h). In these special circumstances, the new certificate shall be valid to:
- (i) for a passenger ship, a date not exceeding 12 months from the date of completion of the renewal survey;
  - (ii) for a cargo ship, a date not exceeding five years from the date of completion of the renewal survey.
- (j) If an annual, intermediate or periodical survey is completed before the period specified in the relevant certificate then:
- (i) the anniversary date shown on the relevant certificate shall be amended by endorsement to a date which shall not be more than three months later than the date on which the survey was completed;
  - (ii) the subsequent annual, intermediate or periodical survey required by the relevant certificate shall be completed at the intervals prescribed by these QOP using the new anniversary date;
  - (iii) the expiry date may remain unchanged provided one or more annual, intermediate or periodical surveys, as appropriate, are carried out so that the maximum intervals between the surveys prescribed by the relevant regulations are not exceeded.
- (k) A certificate issued or endorse by DMA or other Contracting Government shall cease to be valid in any of the following cases:
- (i) if the relevant surveys and inspections are not completed within the periods specified on relevant certificates;

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- (ii) if the certificate is not endorsed in accordance with the present regulations;
  
  - (iii) upon transfer of the ship to the flag of another State. A new certificate shall only be issued when the Government issuing the new certificate is fully satisfied that the ship is in compliance with the requirements of maintenance for the condition of survey. In the case of a transfer with Contracting Governments, if requested within three months after the transfer has taken place, the DMA shall transmit to the Administration copies of the certificates carried by the ship before a transfer and, if available, copies of the relevant survey reports.
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