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Extending the Validity of STCW Certificate of Myanmar Seafarer, onboard the vessel trading in international voyage, who are affected by the restrictions arisen from the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Applicable to: Myanmar Seafarers, Ship owners, Shipping Companies, Port State Control, Flag State Authorities, Manning/Crewing Agencies and Other Individuals Concerned

Reference: IMO Circular No. 4204/ Add. 5 on 17th March 2020

Summary

This Document provides guidance and information as a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to extension the validity of certificates onboard in the event of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID- 19) pandemic and subsequent outbreak worldwide that impacts essential Seafarer Training and Certification Services delivered by the Department of Marine Administration of Myanmar.

1. The entire global shipping industry is currently being posed a serious challenge of the COVID -19 and the rising tension involving countries which result in the limited entry and exist of ships to and from ports of affected countries.
2. The purpose of this Marine Instruction is to extend the validity of STCW certificates including medical certificates of Myanmar seafarer onboard the vessel trading in international voyage.
3. There might be Myanmar Seafarers who are currently serving onboard the ships engaged in the international voyage and whose seafarers STCW certificates including medical certificate may expire on board in view of the fact that their expected shore leave cannot be safely completed in countries those introduced national and local restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. With the requirements provided in paragraph 5, the Department of Marine Administration shall extend the validity of their STCW certificates including medical certificate for the duration of up to six months from the date of expiry.

5. The seafarer shall submit an application for extending the validity of their STCW certificates including medical certificate through concerned Manning /Crewing Agencies or Shipping Companies with the following requirements:

- (a) Application of seafarer;
- (b) Official letter from the concerned Manning /Crewing Agencies or Shipping Companies;
- (c) Copy of Certificates to be extended its validity; and
- (d) Copy of valid/new Seafarer Employment Agreement (SEA).



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