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Marine Instruction (6/ 2021)

**Extension of validity of the STCW Certificates of Myanmar seafarers currently serving
onboard engaged on international voyages during the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Applicable to: Myanmar Seafarers, Ship Owners, Shipping Companies, Port State Control,
Flag State Authorities, Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services (SRPS)
and other individuals concerned**

Reference: IMO Circular No. 4204/Add.5/ Rev.1 on 2 April 2020

Summary

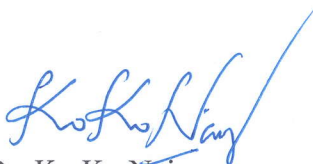
This document provides guidance and information with regard to extension of validity of the STCW certificates for Myanmar seafarers, currently serving onboard engaged on international voyages, are affected by the challenges caused by COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent outbreak worldwide that has impacted on essential seafarer training and certification services provided by the Department of Marine Administration of Myanmar.

1. The Department of Marine Administration is fully aware of that the COVID-19 pandemic has significant impacts on seafarers and the entire global shipping industry. Ongoing COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the governments around the world have created significant hurdles to crew changes and repatriation of seafarers, as well as the current disruption still persists, and therefore, numbers of Myanmar seafarers are necessary to extend their certificates.
2. The purpose of this Marine Instruction is to extend the validity of STCW certificates including medical certificates of Myanmar seafarers who are currently serving onboard and have engaged on international voyages.
3. Subject to the requirements provided in paragraph 4, the Department of Marine Administration shall extend the validity of onboard Myanmar seafarers' Certificates for the duration of up to 6 months from the original date of expiry which expiring between 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021 for Certificates of Competency (CoCs) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoPs). Application for the extension of certificate in respect of limitation by MLC will be considered on the basis of case by case.

4. Seafarer or a representative on his behalf, shall submit an application for extension of validity of CoCs or CoPs including medical certificates through respective SRPS or shipping company with the following requirements:

- (a) Application form for certificate extension;
- (b) Letter of recommendation made by SRPS or shipping company;
- (c) Copy of valid/new Seafarer Employment Agreement (SEA); and
- (d) Copy of DMA departure document and updated SIRB.

5. This Marine Instruction comes into force on the day of its released, Marine Instruction (2/2021) issued by the Department of Marine Administration still remains in force and Marine Instruction (5/2020) issued by the Department of Marine Administration is revoked.



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