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Extension of the validity of STCW Certificates of Myanmar seafarers who are currently ashore and intend to join the vessel 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 about the extension of the validity of the STCW certificates of Myanmar seafarers, who are currently ashore and intend to join the vessel engaged on international voyages and are affected by the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent outbreak worldwide that has impacted on essential seafarer training and certification services provided by the Department of Marine Administration (DMA) of Myanmar.

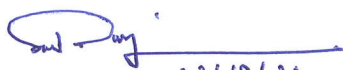
1. The Department of Marine Administration (DMA) is fully aware of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic has significant impacts on seafarers and the entire global shipping industry. Ongoing COVID-19 restrictions affected on ashore seafarers to attend the relevant updating training as the current disruption still persists. Therefore, numbers of Myanmar seafarers are necessary to extend the validity of 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 ashore and intend to join the vessel engaged on international voyages.

3. Subject to the purpose provided in paragraph 2, the DMA shall extend the validity of certificates of Myanmar seafarers who are currently ashore as follows:

- (a) For the seafarer's Certificates of Competency (CoCs) or Certificates of Proficiency (CoPs), under six months of validity on the date of application, it shall be extended for a period of twelve months from the date of expiry of the respective certificates.
- (b) For the seafarer's CoCs or CoPs, valid for six to nine months from the date of application, it shall be extended for a period of nine months from the date of expiry of the respective certificates.
- (c) For the seafarer's CoCs or CoPs, valid for nine to twelve months from the date of application, it shall be extended for a period of six months from the date of expiry of the respective certificates.

4. Seafarers are encouraged to apply for extending the validity of CoCs or CoPs including medical certificates with the following requirements:

- (a) Application form for certificate extension; and
- (b) Letter of recommendation granted by SRPS or Shipping Company.



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