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MSN 04/2020-Amendment to the MSN02/2020-Revised

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**Notice to: All Ship-Owners/Operators,
Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Service Providers,
Seafarers holding Sri Lankan Certificates which issued by the MSS or on
behalf of the MSS,
Flag states,
Port States,
Approved Maritime Training Institutes,
Recognized Organizations.**

The purpose of this MSN is to notify the interest parties on the amendments were made to the item No. 1 (Seafarers' Certification) of the *MSN 02/2020-Revised*, as below. Except the said item No.1, the other parts of the *MSN 02/2020-Revised* stand as it is.

Due to the uncertainty that has been caused by COVID-19, the Merchant Shipping Secretariat (MSS) hereby amend the validity period of the below mentioned Seafarers' Certificates which were issued by the MSS or on behalf of the MSS, as below.

Notwithstanding to this MSN, a seafarer who meet the eligibility requirements for revalidation of the respective certificates, is strongly encouraged to apply for revalidation.

Below amended extensions were granted by this MSN, may be reviewed as appropriately, to keep aligned with the future initiatives of the IMO with regard to the outbreak of the COVID-19.

1.0 Seafarers' Certification

Following amendments are applicable to the holders of the certificates which issued by the MSS or on behalf of the MSS; expiring between 13th March 2020 and 01st October 2020.

- a. The validity period of the **Certificates of Competency and Certificates of Proficiency and associated endorsements** may be extended for the period of **Six Months** from the expiry date of the respective certificates.
- b. The validity period of the **Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC)** may be extended for **Six Months** from its expiry date.
- c. The validity period of the **Certificates of Recognition** which issued by the MSS in accordance with the STCW Reg. I/10, may be extended for period of **Six Months** from the expiry date of the respective certificates or until the validity period of a similar extension granted by the Competent Authority of the Country which issued their national certificate of competency.
- d. The validity period of the **Medical certificates** issued by the approved medical practitioners of Sri Lanka, may be extended for the period of **Three Months** from its expiry date.
- e. The validity period of the **Contract of Employment of Seafarers** may be extended by another **Three Months** provided that such an extension agreed by the seafarer voluntary in writing and such extension should also be set out properly in the contract of employment. All extensions shall be communicated to the MSS within two weeks of signing.

There is no need to approach the MSS for any confirmations of extensions granted above but may retain a copy of this MSN onboard for the guidance of officials should it be required.

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