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To: All IMO Members  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Cuba**

The Government of the Republic of Cuba has sent the attached communication, received on 4 February 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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## INSTRUCTION 04-2022

### TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF DEGREES, CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE, ENDORSEMENTS AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATES

**WHEREAS:** By Instruction 11 of March 21, 2020, issued by the undersigned, the maritime port system of the Republic of Cuba and other bodies, agencies, natural and legal persons involved or related to it were made known, the measures issued by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in correspondence with the international situation caused by the COVID -19 pandemic.

**WHEREAS:** It is necessary to extend the validity of titles, including medical certificates and endorsements for seafarers on board ships.

**WHEREAS:** Resolution No. 02/2017 of the Director General of the Maritime Administration of Cuba, appoints Eng. Enrique Pozo Cardoza, as Director of Maritime Security of the Maritime Administration of Cuba

**THEREFORE:** In exercise of the powers conferred on me in Article 14.1 of Resolution 321, Organic Regulations of this entity,

### INSTRUCTION

**First:** Provide for the extension of validity of the qualifications and certificates of competence, including the endorsements and medical certificates for seafarers who are on board ships from February 1 to April 30, 2022, until indicated by the Cuban Maritime Administration, its suspension or elimination.

**Second:** Seafarers who, due to the termination of their contract, may be relieved according to what is established by the IMO for facilitation of reliefs in those States from which they could be repatriated are excluded from this document.

**Third:** This Instruction is not applicable to seafarers who are unenrolled in the national territory and their title is close to expiration.

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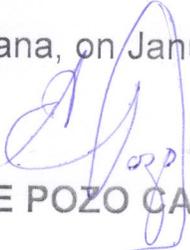
**Fourth:** Depending on the international behavior of Covid-19 and the World Health Organization recommendations, close monitoring will be maintained on the behavior of the pandemic, and we alert the Seafarers to take the measures since this will be the last possible exception for the extension of titles. and Certificates.

The provisions of this Instruction take effect at 00:00 hours on February 1, 2022.

**TO COMMUNICATE** to the Minister and Vice Ministers of the Ministry of Transportation, the Inspector General of Transportation and Directors of the Central Agency related to maritime activity, the Cuban Maritime Administration System, the alternate representatives of the Republic of Cuba to the IMO, the Granma Naval Academy, the Andrés Gonzales Lines Fisheries Maritime Institute, the Port Maritime Business Group and its subordinate companies, the companies and companies that ship owners, operators, and employers of seafarers, the Ministry of Food Industry, Construction, the Ministry of the Interior, of the Revolutionary Armed Forces and its business system.

**ARCHIVE** the original of this Instruction in the Legal Department of the Maritime Administration of Cuba.

**GIVEN** in Havana, on January 25, 2022.

  
**ING. ENRIQUE POZO CARDOZA**

**DIRECTOR**

