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**COVID-19 – Additional instructions for Recognised Organisations acting on behalf of the Danish Maritime Authority**

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Although enforced lockdown measures are gradually being relaxed in many locations around the world, the Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) understands that certain challenges to carrying out inspections, surveys, audits and certifications remain.

One occurring issue concerns the extension of certificates beyond the 3 months provided for in the Conventions. In this context, the following instructions provided in the letter from DMA dated 20 March 2020 remain relevant: The RO/RSO must forward to DMA a written application justified by a motivated proposal for the period of extension. The application must include a plan describing how the ship will be brought back into regular survey or audit cycle

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In addition to above instructions, please observe the guidelines provided in the annexed IMO Circular Letter no. 4204 of 2 June 2020 and the *Guiding principles for the provision of technical and implementation advice to flag States when considering whether to permit statutory certificate extension beyond 3 months*.

Please note, that extension within 3 months also requires the approval of the DMA according to normal procedures.

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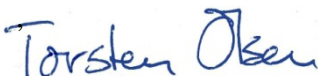
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DMA will continue to generally look positively upon such requests, however strongly urges ROs and RSOs acting on behalf of the DMA to carry out all possible statutory tasks, in order to prevent buildup of tasks and to ensure safety and environmental protection.

[DMA letter 20 March 2020 is withdrawn]

For any further clarification, please refer to the DMA RO Relations Team, [RO@dma.dk](mailto:RO@dma.dk).

Yours sincerely



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