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Shipping Information Notice 071– IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers

To: Ship owners, Operators, Managers, DPA's

The purpose of this Information Notice is to advise relevant parties of IMO's guidance relating to the certification of seafarers.

The letter highlights the difficulties currently being encountered by Administrations with regards to continued training of seafarers, revalidation of certificates (including medical certificates), and issuance of flag state endorsements in accordance with the STCW Convention.

The IMO encourages Administrations and Port State Control authorities to take a practical and pragmatic approach in relation to the extension of STCW certificates and endorsements.

Please refer to IMO Circular Letter 4204/Add.5 dated 17 March 2020 for the relevant information.

A copy of the aforementioned letter can be viewed at:

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>.

A copy the IMO circular letter should be retained on board Gibraltar Registered Ships together with any Flag State issued letters in relation to any temporary acceptances / extensions of seafarer certification.

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