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(To be read in conjunction with SIN 071)

IMO Circular Letter No.4204 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers

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

Further to the information contained in SIN 071, owners, operators, and managers of Gibraltar Registered vessels are kindly drawn to note, that IMO Circular Letter No. 4204 is subject to periodical updates.

As per SIN 071, the letter highlight 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, and encourages Administrations and Port State Control authorities to take a practical and pragmatic approach in relation to the extension of STCW certificates and endorsements.

Furthermore, the letter contains regular updates on PSC measures and policies being adopted in relation to COVID-19 circumstances under the different Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for different regions.

Parties are encouraged to periodically review the latest versions, available via:

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

A copy the latest version 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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