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**Marine Instruction ( 5 / 2020 )**

**Extending the validity of the certificates of Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages during the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Applicable to: Shipowners, Operators, Managers, Masters and Officers of Myanmar registered vessels and Recognized Organizations**

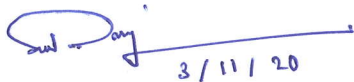
**Summary**

*This Marine Instruction is issued by the Department of Marine Administration to allow the extension of the validity of Myanmar registered vessels' certificates the expiries of which fall between 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.*

1. On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020, the Department of Marine Administration (DMA) has issued Marine Instruction (2/2020) which provided that the validity of the certificates of Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages expired between 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 was extended for a period of three months during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. With the consideration to the ship owners, ship operators, ship management companies and Recognized Organizations continuously experience difficulties in arranging the necessary surveys, audits, inspection and dry docking for Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages due to the current disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic is still persists the DMA shall allow:-
  - (a) the extension for a period of three months as statutory maximum from the date of expiry to the validity of the certificate which expiry date falls between 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 by complying to the requirements provided in Marine Guidance ( 8 / 2020).
  - (b) the further extension for a period of three months from the date of expiry to the validity of the certificates, which had been extended for three months as statutory maximum in accordance to the provisions of Marine Guidance (1/2020) and (3/2020) issued by the DMA, by complying to the requirements provided in Marine Guidance (9/2020).

3. In all cases, the Recognized Organizations (RO) must maintain a record of ships receiving extension to survey or certificates and ensure that the DMA is kept informed about the ongoing status. If the RO has a proposal other than above description, it will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the DMA.

4. The existing Marine Instruction (2/2020) circulated on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is replaced by this Marine Instruction.



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