



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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- TO** : All IMO Member States, Flag State Authorities, Port State Authorities, Concerned Government Agencies, Shipowners/Bareboat Charterers/Ship Operators/Ship Managers/ Ship Masters of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Manning Agencies, Filipino Seafarers Onboard, and Other Concerned Entities
- SUBJECT** : **EXTENSION OF STATUTORY CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY MARINA AND ITS RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROs) AS A TEMPORARY CONTINGENCY MEASURE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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In light of the COVID 19 pandemic and following the invitation made in IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5 (17 March 2020) and Circular Letter No.4204/Add.6 (27 March 2020) to adopt practical and pragmatic approach in order to ensure that the flow of commerce across borders is not disrupted during this unusual time, the MARINA hereby employs the following temporary contingency measures in the extension of the certificates of all Philippine registered ships:

#### **I. Background:**

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has received inquiries from shipowners and Recognized Organization regarding the postponement of inspections and requesting for the extension of the validity of mandatory certificates due to difficulties caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Combined port and travel restrictions being imposed have made it difficult for inspectors to conduct their inspections even when they have been pre-arranged and scheduled.

All of these circumstances together have been considered along with the declaration of the corona virus disease as a public health emergency of international concern and a global pandemic which makes it a *force majeure* condition.

#### **II. Coverage:**

All Philippine registered ships engaged in the international trade.

### III. Objective:

To ensure that Philippine registered ships in the international trade, to the extent possible, shall not be out of operation due to expired certificates caused by restrictions in travel and port in view of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation as well as to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19.

### IV. Extension of Certificates

All reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that certificates are kept valid and inspections are performed. However, all matters related to surveys, inspections, certification and/or renewal of statutory certificates that are issued by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the duly authorized flag State administration of the Republic of the Philippines and statutory certificates issued by Recognized Organizations (RO) acting on behalf of this Administration which need to be available onboard Philippine registered ships in accordance with the pertinent IMO maritime instruments are **HEREBY EXTENDED UNTIL 31 MAY 2020**, without further approval from MARINA.

### V. Instruction to ROs

All reasonable efforts should be taken to ensure that statutory certificates are kept valid, ROs are hereby authorized to grant extension as described in paragraph IV above. The ROs shall inform the MARINA of the details of the extension being issued to Philippine registered ships.

### VI. Notification

The MARINA will notify the International Maritime Organization (IMO), relevant stakeholders such as other member State authorities, port State MOUs and other relevant agencies of this Advisory.

For the information and strict compliance of all concerned.

  
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