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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notification : “Extension of statutory supervision and issuance/endorsement of statutory certificates due to COVID-19 for international voyage vessels flying Thai Flag”

References :
1. IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.1
2. IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.2
3. IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.3
4. IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.4
5. TOKYO-MOU Guidance for dealing with impact of the outbreak of the COVID-19

Due to the pandemic of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Marine Department has received inquiries from shipowners and Recognized Organizations (RO) regarding the postponement of surveys and audits that in most cases can not be conducted because surveyors are unable to attend the ships due to travel restrictions, quarantines, unavailable facilities and unforeseen circumstances.

IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.1 addresses COVID-19’s impacts on the shipping industry, including implementation and enforcement of mandatory IMO requirements and to provide encouragement for flexibility on co-operation and a pragmatic approach between flag and port states. In accordance with Tokyo MOU Guidance on impact of COVID-19 issued on 12th March 2020, member Authorities of the Tokyo MOU have agreed to adopt guidance for dealing with the circumstances such as extending periods of service onboard of seafarers, delaying periods for surveys, inspections and audits in a pragmatic and harmonized approach.

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As a force majeure situation, Marine Department, therefore has instructed that:

1. All certificates and supplementary documents, due date before 1st July 2020, issued by Marine Department have been granted a 3-month extension. The extension may also apply to certificates or supplementary documents granted by service providers to the vessels.

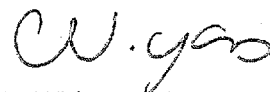
2. In addition to 1 for Thai flagged vessels, supervised by recognized organization (RO.), the owners shall ensure that recommendations from ROs are to be carried out.

3. All above references shall be printed and kept on board, in particular, ship operators shall follow IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.4 "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for ship operators for the protection of the health of seafarers" and prepare necessary measures to the crews.

4. When the Covid-19 situation is improved, the owners shall resume IMO requirements on statutory ship certificates, surveys, inspections and audits, based on mandatory schedule as soon as possible.

5. As a pragmatic approach, Thailand PSCOs will conduct the task in accordance with TOKYO-MOU Guidance for dealing with impact of the outbreak of the COVID-19. Ship operators/companies concerned should provide the letters from Flag State or RO related to the matter of dispensation or exemption.

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