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ARGENTINA	CL.4287	01/05/2020	National measures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic	Extension for national and international accreditations and certificates issued to National Merchant Navy personnel until 30 June 2020, including accreditations that expired before 1 January 2020
	CL.4287/Add.1	19/05/2020	Further measures adopted by the Argentine authorities	Surveys, inspections, audits and safety certificates extended for 3 months, endorsements, certificates and medical certificates of seafarers and fishers extended until 30 June 2020, information on port state control, remote/distance procedures can be accessed through the Prefectura Naval Argentina website: https://www.argentina.gob.ar/prefecturanaval/emergencia-sanitaria
	CL.4287/Add.2	06/07/2020	Extension of certificates	Extension of national and international accreditations and certificates issued to National Merchant Navy personnel until 31 December 2020, accreditations and certificates expiring between 1 January 2021 and June 2021 have been granted an extension of 3 months from their expiration date
AZERBAIJAN	CL.4223	20/03/2020	Contingency plans for ships and Seafarers	Extension of Seafarers Identity Document or STCW Certificate by up to 3 months
	CL.4223/Add.1	17/06/2020	Extension of certificates and recognition of seafarers as key workers	Certificates, endorsements, seafarer's identity documents and other STCW documents that have expired or due to expire have been extended to 1 October 2020, information on procedures for extensions are given, seafarers have been recognised as 'key workers'
	CL.4223/Add.2	08/09/2020	Extension of certificates	Certificates, endorsements and seafarer's identity documents that have expired or are due to expire onboard have been extended until 31 December 2020, details on procedures for extensions

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BAHAMAS	CL.4225	20/03/2020	Guidance and recommendations for ships and seafarers	Information regarding COVID-19 and travel, Seafarers' Employment Agreement (SEA) may be extended upon request, repatriation at no cost to the seafarer, medical certificates may be extended for up to 3 months, information on expired STCW certificates and seaman record books, surveys and audits extended for up to 3 months, information on extension of inspections
BAHRAIN	CL.4285	30/04/2020	Extension of seafarer certificates	Expired certificates of competency (CoC), certificates of proficiency (CoP), medical certificates, certificates of basic training and endorsements will be valid for up to 3 months starting from 26 March 2020, extension of ship certificates, inspection and audits until 30 June 2020 (excludes certificates issued directly by the PMA)
BANGLADESH	CL.4239	27/03/2020	Information on certificates, MSMD, employment, surveys and audits	Certificates (CoC, CoP, CDC, medical), surveys and audits expiring before 30 April 2020 can be extended up to 30 June 2020, information related to SEA, MSMD and Port State Control Measures
BARBADOS	CL.4250	06/04/2020	Seafarer certificates, documents, surveys, audits and general guidance	Information for seafarers regarding quarantine/self-isolation, STCW certificates, MSMD, SEA extensions, surveys, audits and dry-docking
BELGIUM	CL.4255	07/04/2020	Measures to Address COVID-19	Guidelines published and updated on the website: https://mobility.belgium.be/en/shipping/covid_19_coronavirus
	CL.4255/Add.1	08/07/2020	Belgium have designated seafarers as key workers	Belgium have taken measures as a flag state and as a port state to facilitate crew changes, the transit of seafarers and access to medical care for seafarers
BELIZE	CL.4306	25/06/2020	Circulars and Notices that provide guidance, issue support and temporary solutions for shipowners, ships and seafarers affected by COVID- 19 developed by the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE)	Extension of mandatory surveys, audits (SOLAS, MARPOL, Load Line, ISM, ISPS, MLC, 2006, etc.) and dry-docking up to 31 July 2020 subject to certain conditions being met, QR Code system implemented in order to provide electronic certificates, SEA certificates that expire or are due to expire between 1 April 2020 and 31 August 2020 may be extended for up to 6 months with the consent of the seafarer, information on necessary precautions to be taken to minimize risks to seafarers, passengers and others onboard ships

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	CL.4306/Add.1	22/07/2020	Temporary measures taken in response to COVID-19	Mandatory surveys and audits may be granted a 3 month extension on a case to case basis, dry-docking may be extended up to 3 months, vessels complying with the temporary measures will be provided with electronic certificates by the authorized RO to be valid until 31 October 2020, information for vessels requiring another extension which goes beyond 3 months from the mandatory due date
BRAZIL	CL.4266	14/04/2020	Extension of personnel documents and documents relating to ship operations and platforms	CoC, CoP, permits, surveys, civil liability certificates, statement of compliance for operation, complementary course and training certificates extended until 31 July 2020, personal data labels extended
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	CL.4291	12/05/2020	Measures to safeguard seafarers' welfare and allow the flow of essential goods	The Maritime and Port Authority of Bruni Darussalam (MPABD) has provided guidelines for ships and seafarers on MPABD's website: http://www.mpabd.gov.bn/SitePages/Shipping%20Notices.aspx
CANADA	CL.4226	20/03/2020	Extending validity of certificates	Extension of CoC, CoP and medical certificates for 6 months from date of expiry
	CL.4226/Add.1	16/04/2020	Canadian Measures to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic	Up to date information on guidance and temporary measures Canada has taken can be found on: https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/initiatives/covid-19-measuresupdates-guidance-tc.html
CAPE VERDE	CL.4274	23/04/2020	Guidelines and measures being taken	Information for owners, bareboat charterers, managers and representatives of ships flying the Cabo-verdian flag on how RO's, RSO's and companies can apply for an extension of 3 months for surveys and annual/intermediate audits, guidelines can be found on the IMP website: www.imp.cv
CHILE	CL.4273	21/04/2020	Safety of seafarers and facilitation of sea trade	Extension of CoC and professional qualifications for 6 months. deadline extension for the ship inspections, certification and surveys, information on seafarer welfare

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CHINA	CL.4221	18/03/2020	Guidance for ships and seafarers	Guidance on the prevention and control of COVID-19 on board
	CL.4221/Add.1	31/03/2020	Updates to the guidance given in CL.4221	Changes to precautionary measures and crew changing operations when ships berth at ports
	CL.4221/Add.2	21/04/2020	Extension of certificates of Chinese Flagged Ships and Chinese Seafarers	Ship survey certificates, SMC, DOC and ISSC expiring between 20 January 2020 and 30 September 2020 extended to 30 September 2020, CoC and CoP expiring between 20 January 2020 and 30 September 2020 extended automatically for 6 months from date of expiry, medical certificates can also be extended
	CL.4221/Add.3	24/04/2020	Guidance on how to handle and offer urgent assistance to seafarers in case of sickness during the pandemic	Document aiming to provide guidance on how to safely and effectively handle cases of seafarer's being sick or injured during the pandemic of COVID-19
	CL.4221/Add.4	27/04/2020	Guidance on the prevention and control of COVID-19 for ports and its front-line staff	Measures for pilots, dock stevedores and other port staff when conducting piloting, berthing, loading and unloading operations of ships, guidance on COVID-19 prevention and control in passenger terminals with different risk categories
	CL.4221/Add.5	30/06/2020	Updates to the Guidance on the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 on Board (V 3.0)	This updated guideline has improved on the dispensing and use of epidemic control materials and psychological intervention to seafarers facing crew change difficulties
	CL.4221/Add.6	14/09/2020	Updates to the Guidance on the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 on Board (V 4.0)	This new version has updated the prevention and control measures, now covers areas such as ship-shore personnel exchange, crew change operations and food safety

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COLOMBIA	CL.4275	22/04/2020	Measures taken in response to COVID-19	Information can be found on https://www.dimar.mil.co/coronavirus-covid19/medidas and https://coronaviruscolombia.gov.co/Covid19/decretos.html , information on restricted maritime activities, port restrictions, details on border closure and exceptions, information on restrictions of maritime, land and river crossings due to the closure of the border of Panama, Ecuador, Peru and Brazil from 00:00 hours on 17 March 2020 until 30 May 2020
COOK ISLANDS	CL.4263	14/04/2020	Links to circulars containing measures and guidelines related to COVID-19 and temporary measures for shipping operations	Information on mandatory surveys, audits, inspections and validity of statutory certificates, extension of CoC and CoP due to expire before 1 July 2020 for 4 months from the date of expiry, information on the format of documentation
CROATIA	CL.4241	30/03/2020	Extension of seafarer's personal documents and employment guidelines	Extension of up to 3 months for CoC, CoP, medical certificates, seaman's books, embarkment permits, employment agreements, seafarer's identity documents and endorsement of foreign certificates
	CL.4241/Add.2	27/05/2020	Extension of seafarer documents and seafarer's employment agreements	Medical certificates, CoC, CoP, endorsements and seaman books expiring before 18 September 2020 can be extended for 3 months without the need to submit an application, SEA may be extended with the consent of the seafarer
CUBA	CL.4249	02/04/2020	Guidelines for seafarer's CoC or CoP certificates	Extension of CoC, CoP endorsement and medical certificates for 3 months from date of expiry
	CL.4249/Add.1	13/07/2020	Extension of the validity of instruction No.11-2020	The validity of instruction No.11-2020 will be extended for an indefinite period of time from 00:00 am on 23 April 2020

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CYPRUS	CL.4251	03/04/2020	Provisional measures for ships and seafarers	Extension of certificates for seafarers with a renewed contract who joined the ship before 1 March 2020, CoC, CoP, medical certificates, seafarers identification, sea service record books and endorsements which have expired or expiring after 1 March 2020 to be extended to 1 September 2020, guidelines provided for surveys and audits
	CL.4251/Add.1	22/06/2020	Protocol for crew changes	Crew changes now allowed at Cyprus ports, detailed information on the procedures for conducting crew changes
CZECH REPUBLIC	CL.4290	11/05/2020	Measures taken regarding crew certificates and employment	Contains forms to support out-crossing Czech border to join the ship, details on the application procedures for extensions, CoC, CoP and medical certificates extended for 3 months, extensions granted for seaman's books
ECUADOR	CL.4267	16/04/2020	Extension of certificates, guidelines and procedures for seafarers and ships	Medical certificates expiring between 16 March and 31 May 2020 can be extended for up to 3 months, information on seafarer welfare and safety onboard, details on ship operations
	CL.4267/Add.1	06/08/2020	General safety protocols for commercial and non-commercial boats entering the Galapagos islands	Biosecurity measures to be applied in commercial and non-commercial vessels entering the province of the Galapagos, in order to protect the health and safety of the crew and occupants, mandatory for shipowners, shipping agents and crew

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ESTONIA	CL.4272	21/04/2020	Repatriation of seafarers, extension of certificates, inspections, recreational craft and navigation in Estonian waters	Guidelines on crossing the state border, information on repatriation and disembarkation of crew members at Estonian ports, details of extension of certificates can be found in the Maritime Administration's Circular No. 6 of 31 March 2020, inspections extended for 3 months, examination of skippers suspended, surveys of recreational craft still active, information for skippers, details of navigation and port supervision
	CL.4272/Add.1	02/06/2020	Measures put in place due to COVID-19	Expired certificates may be renewed via e-learning, expired medical certificates can be extended for 3 months, information on the extension of statutory certificates for ships flying the Estonian flag has been published in Maritime Administration Circular No. 6 of 31 March 2020, examinations of skippers recommenced on 15 May 2020, surveys of recreational craft are being carried out, details provided on repatriation of seafarers, documents to be carried while navigating at sea with recreational craft, port supervision and navigation in Estonian waters
ETHIOPIA	CL.4235	25/03/2020	Temporary extension of certificates and seafarer books	CoC, CoP, medical certificates and seafarer books expiring before 1 September 2020 to be extended for 6 months
	CL.4235/Add.4	21/08/2020	Extension of certificates and seafarers' books	The validity of CoC, CoP, CoE, medical certificate and seafarer books are extended for 6 months to the maximum date of 1 March 2021
EYGPT	CL.4240	27/03/2020	Extension of certificates	CoC of seafarers extended for 3 months
	CL.4240/Add.1	31/07/2020	Extension of seafarer documents and courses	As of 30 June 2020, COCs, CoPs, medical certificates, short mandatory courses, and the seaman's discharge book is extended for 3 months

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	CL.4240/Add.2	02/09/2020	Crew change and repatriation in Egyptian Ports	Procedures to facilitate crew changes and repatriation, information on the required documents to be submitted to the Egyptian ports 48 hours before arrival of the ship
	CL.4320	07/09/2020	Measures taken to accelerate the digitalization of port systems	Overview of measures taken by some of the Egyptian ports such as video conferencing for meeting, workshops and training, I.T team working remotely, the electronic platform which allows customers to view reports and carry out their work, online reservation systems, many online services offered, information on the JIT system
FINLAND	CL.4260	09/04/2020	Extension of certificates	Guidelines for renewing CoC and CoP, recently expired medical certificates will be valid for up to 3 months
	CL.4260/Add.1	16/06/2020	Updated information on extension of certificates	Medical certificates may be extended for 3 months, CoC and CoP expiring between 16 March and 31 October 2020 may be extended for 6 months, dispensations and endorsements may be applied for
FRANCE	CL.4234	26/03/2020	Extension of Certificates and guidelines for seafarers	Most certificates expiring during health emergency period to be extended for 3 months
	CL.4234/Add.1	17/04/2020	Extension of certificates, information on inspections and COVID-19 related guidance for ships	Validity of French vessels certificates, including navigation license, seafarer and medical certificates, expiring during the period of the state of health emergency are extended from the expiration date, up to 3 months after the end of the state of health emergency (excludes ISM, ISPS, MLC and ILO188), inspections suspended, information on cross-Channel Ferry traffic, general measures and precautions for ships regarding the Covid-19 epidemic
	CL.4234/Add.2	30/04/2020	Updated information on inspections and the extension of certificates	STCW, STCW-F and medical certificates, endorsements, documentary evidences for seafarers, maritime education/training institution approvals and French vessels certificates, including navigation licenses expiring on 12 March 2020 are extended for up to 6 months after the end of the state of health emergency (currently 24 July 2020), inspections suspended

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	CL.4234/Add.3	08/07/2020	Assistance and guidance for seafarers	Measures put in place to combat difficulties faced by seafarers; a crisis centre has been set up to support and follow up on shipowners' request for crew changes abroad, procedures put in place to ease crew changeovers in mainland France and overseas
	CL.4234/Add.5	03/09/2020	Extension of seafarer and ship certificates	CoC, CoP, CoE, CoR, medical certificates, education and training documents and French vessels certificates, including navigation licenses, that expired on or after 12 March 2020 has been extended to 6 months from the end of the state emergency which ended on 10 July 2020, information to ships and crews on basic protective measures, protocol with specific recommendations for cruising can be found on https://www.ecologie.gouv.fr/covid-19-retrouvé-lensemble-des-actions-engagees-ministere
GABON	CL.4293	20/05/2020	Recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the coronavirus	Representatives of Gabon flagged vessels, deputy commissioners, ship-owners & ship-operators, masters, flag state surveyors and recognized organizations encouraged to take into account the protocol set out in IMO's Circular Letter No.4204/Add.14, 5 May 2020 Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Recommended Framework of Protocols for Ensuring Safe Ship Crew Changes and Travel during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

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GEORGIA	CL.4232	24/03/2020	Extension of validity of STCW Certificates	Extension of Seafarers Identity Document or STCW Certificate by up to 3 months subject to conditions
	CL.4232/Add.1	17/04/2020	Georgian seafarers' certification and training system	CoC, CoP and seaman books expiring by 1 September 2020 are automatically extended for 6 months, medical certificates expiring after 1 January 2020 are automatically extended by 6 months, information on renewal of certificates
	CL.4232/Add.4	15/06/2020	Seafarer's granted "key worker" status, crew changes allowed in Georgian ports	Seafarers have been designated as "key workers" and crew changes is allowed in Georgian ports both for Georgians and seafarers of different nationalities from 15 June 2020, details of requirements for sign-in and sign-off on vessels calling in Georgian ports
GERMANY	CL.4235	25/03/2020	Measures regarding the issuance and renewal of shipping and seafarer related regulations	Ship's statutory certificates extended by 3 months, seafarers' certificates extended by 6 months from date of expiry, information on port control and inspections
	CL.4235/Add.2	22/04/2020	Measures concerning COVID-19	Control and compliance measures on board German and foreign-flagged vessels in German ports are suspended until 30 June 2020
	CL.4235/Add.3	25/06/2020	Updates on COVID-19 measures taken	Ship surveys will no longer be extended beyond 30 June 2020 and will only be waived in exceptional circumstances, inspections have been resumed in a restricted manner, information on ship's statutory certificates with new measures that will be valid from from 1 July 2020 , all seafarer certificates (CoC, CoP, CoR and evidence of qualification) that expire before 1 September 2020 are automatically extended for 6 months, certificates of fitness for service at sea expiring after 30 June 2020 must be renewed by a medical examination, details on port state control and applications for the issuance of certificates, further information can be found on https://www.deutsche-flagge.de/de/coronavirus

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GHANA	CL.4257	07/04/2020	Guidance on the certification of seafarers	Extension of CoC, CoP and medical certificates due to expire soon, until 30 June 2020
GREECE	CL.4241	30/03/2020	Guidelines for certificates, seafarer books, port state control and inspections	Information on ship operation restrictions, seafarer health issues, extension of certificates, inspections, surveys, audits, repatriation issues and port state control issues
	CL.4241/Add.1	03/04/2020	Extension of Inspections, audits, certificates and surveys	Extensions granted for up to 3 months, CoC and CoP extended for 6 months from date of expiration
	CL.4284	29/04/2020	Information on amendments to legislation concerning the acquisition and possession of weapons on board ships	Categories of weapons/firearms requiring a transit permit have been expanded, details of changes to transit declarations, information for ships carrying dangerous goods/cargoes, passengers prohibited from carrying out recreational target shooting as ships transit Greek jurisdiction
	CL.4241/Add.3	07/07/2020	Update on the measures taken to facilitate and progressively restore maritime transport services and connectivity	Details provided on general restrictions of ships operations, all restrictions relating to the transportation of passengers by ships operating from the mainland Greece to the islands and between the islands of the country have been lifted, information on the conditions for performing passenger maritime cabotage and international voyages, CoP, CoC and endorsements that have expired or are due to expire have been extended to 31 December 2020, information on port state control issues
ICELAND	CL.4295	22/05/2020	Measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic	Vessels arriving in Iceland are required to transmit the Captain's Declaration of Health via SafeSeaNet, information on travel restrictions, surveys, ship certificates, inspections and port state control, STCW certificates (CoC, CoP and endorsements), STCW medical certificates and STCW-F certificates can be extended for up to 3 months, but no longer than 1 September 2020, details on quarantine for those arriving in Iceland from high risk areas

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INDIA	CL.4254	07/04/2020	Extension of seafarer statutory certificates, CoC, audits and surveys	Extension of all STCW Certificates expiring between 23 March and 1 October 2020 for 6 months from date of expiry. Mandatory statutory surveys, inspections and DOC/SMC/MLC/ISPS audits can be extended for 3 months
	CL.4254/Add.1	22/04/2020	Updates to the information in CL.4254	Information on processing fees for some extensions being waived, details on the extension of surveys, inspections and audits, information on record keeping
	CL.4254/Add.2	30/04/2020	Guidance for shipping and seafarers for the prevention and management of COVID-19	Details on COVID-19, guidance and preventative measures for seafarers onboard, outbreak management plans for ships, guidelines on rational use of PPE, instructions for shipping companies, ships, RPS providers, maritime training institutes (MTIs), information on CoC examinations, past DGS orders concerning COVID-19 related measures, details on the generation of an e-pass
	CL.4254/Add.3	22/05/2020	Extension of the validity of seafarer's certificates, ship's statutory certificates, periodical surveys and audits	Recap of past DSG orders regarding temporary measures taken, ships whose survey, inspection or audits expire on or before 30 June 2020 will be granted a waiver of processing fees and extensions providing they fulfil certain requirements which have been listed, CoC, CoP and CoE's expiring between 1 March 2020 and 31 December 2020 are extended for 6 months from their date of expiry irrespective of whether the seafarer is/was on ship at the time of expiry or not, in cases where revalidation of expired certificates need to be carried out, the new validity will be issued for 5 years from the original certificate expiry date

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	CL.4254/Add.4	13/07/2020	Extension of seafarer and ship certificates	All STCW certificates and associated endorsements issued by the DGS that are expiring on or before 31 December 2020 have been extended to 31 December 2021, seafarers intending to join a ship after 31 October 2020 with certificates expiring after 31 December 2020, will have to undergo courses and revalidate their certificates as usual, information on applications for extensions, information on the extension of certificates for seafarers whose certificates expire after 31 December 2020 but are intending to join ships prior to 31 October 2020, information on the extension of ship's statutory certificates, periodical surveys, inspections and audits
INDONESIA	CL.4268	16/04/2020	Seafarer certificates and documents	Extension of CoC and CoE's expiring between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020 for up to 6 months, medical certificates and CoP can be extended for up to 3 months, information provided on MSMD, sign on documents, SEA, seaman books, repatriation, internships and seafarer welfare
	CL.4268/Add.1	04/08/2020	Extension of the contingency plan for seafarers and ship owners/operators	CoC, CoP, CoE and CoR may be extended for up to 6 months from its date of expiry and medical certificates may be extended for 3 months from its date of expiry, information provided on SEA, MSMD, repatriation, education and training courses, sign on documents, cadets and apprentices and seafarer's books
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	CL.4216	17/03/2020	Extension of surveys, inspections and certifications	Surveys, inspections and seafarers' documents and certificates expiring in January-March is extended to 31 May 2020
	CL.4216/Add.1	12/05/2020	Extension of certificates and information on training courses	CoPs, CoCs, medical certificates, dispensation and endorsement of foreign certificates expiring before 21 September 2020 will be extended for 6 months from the date of expiry, information on theoretical and practical training courses for seafarers

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	CL.4216/Add.2	01/06/2020	Extension of certificates	Surveys, inspections, statutory certificates including the CLC, BCLC, Wreck Removal, ISSC, DOC of safety management companies, seafarers' documents and certificates expiring on or before May 2020 have been extended until 31 July 2020
	CL.4216/Add.3	03/08/2020	Procedures for extending/endorsing certificates and postponing statutory surveys for vessels	Surveys and statutory certificates may be extended/endorsed or postponed up to 30 September 2020 if certain conditions are met, information on conditions required for extensions
IRELAND	CL.4233	25/03/2020	Temporary processes and procedures for seafarers, guidance on surveys/certification and ship inspections	Extension of 6 months for CoC and CoP and extension of 3 months for medical certificates, ship certificates and surveys, SEA can be extended for up to 6 months with the consent of the seafarer
	CL.4233/Add.1	14/07/2020	Temporary measures and extension of certificates	Any Irish CoC or CoP that expires/is due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020 is extended until 30 September 2020 or until 6 months from its date of expiry, information on Certificates of Equivalent Competency (CeC) and seaman's books, medical certificates that expire/due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020 are extended until 30 September 2020 or until 3 months from its date of expiry, SEA's that expire/due to expire between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020 may be extended until 30 September 2020 or until 6 months from its date of expiry with seafarers' consent, information on shipowner liability, seagoing service, MSMD, training/forms and port state control inspections
ITALY	CL.4231	24/03/2020	Information on seafarer's training courses and certificates	Seafarer training centres closed, CoP's for certain courses extended for 6 months if they meet requirements, CoC and certificates of endorsements extended until 30 June 2020
	CL.4231/Add.1	02/04/2020	Measures to Address COVID-19	Dry - dock bottom ship's inspections postponed until 30 June 2020 subject to the satisfactory result of in-water bottom surveys

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	CL.4231/Add.2	17/04/2020	Extension of ship certificates	Extension of certificates relating to the international conventions (MARPOL 73/78, Ballast Water Management Convention, Anti-fouling Systems Convention) for up to 3 months, information on annual and intermediate surveys
	CL.4231/Add.4	28/04/2020	Renewal of endorsements of CoC's for foreign seafarers	Automatic extension of CoC for seafarer's on board or about to go on board to 31 December 2020
	CL.4231/Add.6	15/05/2020	Guidance on surveys and inspections	Statutory surveys and inspections may be extended and once grace period is over, normal on site survey procedures will take place - if this is not possible then remote survey/inspection techniques will be carried out, a short-term certificate with validity limited to 12 months may be issued
	CL.4231/Add.7	01/06/2020	Information on medical certificates and training certificates	The medical examination certificates, medical first aid and medical care training certificates are further extended until notice is given regarding the end of the state of emergency, the validity of the pre- boarding medical examination is extended from 10 to 15 days
	CL.4231/Add.8	21/07/2020	Measures to address dry-docking	The in dry-dock inspection of the bottom of a ship can be postponed until 30 September 2020, subject to the satisfactory result of an in-water bottom survey
	CL.4231/Add.9	10/08/2020	Protocol on measures for the management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19 aboard cruise ships	The protocol to limit the spread of COVID-19 applies to Italian-flagged ships and all ships of any nationality, engaged in cruise services, certified to carry more than 36 passengers, calling at Italian ports
	CL.4231/Add.10	21/08/2020	Extension of seafarer and ship certificates	Information on applications for renewal of certificates, seafarer certificates extended for up to 6 months, statutory ship certificates may be extended or a remote survey/inspection/audit carried out

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	CL.4231/ Add.11	02/09/2020	Ships forgoing annual leave	The Italian Coast Guard Headquarters has been exempting, on a case by case basis, any single ship for any specific voyage from the prohibition of forgoing annual leave, provided the shipowner produces the required documents for review
	CL.4231/ Add.12	07/09/2020	Remote surveys and audits	Information on authorities authorised to carry out remote annual and intermediate surveys, in order to issue a provisional certificate with a validity of 6 months, the full survey will have to be carried out in port as soon as possible
JAMAICA	CL.4264	14/04/2020	Measures and guidelines relating to vessel registration, surveys, inspections, certificates and repatriation	Certificates of Registry, Radio Licences, endorsements, SEA, medical certificates and Seafarers record books extended until 30 June 2020, seafarer's documents, surveys, registration documentation and inspections extended for 3 months, details regarding repatriation
	CL.4264/Add.1	13/07/2020	Updated measures and guidelines for ships and seafarers	Vessel surveys and inspections whose extensions have expired and where it has not been possible for the necessary surveys to be conducted are advised to contact the MAJ through the associated RO, SEA may be further extended upon mutual agreement between the seafarer and owner, information on repatriation, normal procedures for the issue and renewal of seafarers documentation have resumed, medical certificates may be extended for 3 months, third schedule lists seafarers among the class of "essential workers" that are exempt from movement restrictions under the Disaster Risk Management Act
JAPAN	CL.4262	14/04/2020	Guidance on seafarer's certificates	Extension of COC endorsements, Japanese COC and COP expiring on or after 17 February 2020, extension of medical certificates

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JORDAN	CL.4235	25/03/2020	Certification of seafarers	Certificates of compliance, endorsements and medical certificates expiring after 18 March to be extended for 2 months
	CL.4235/Add.1	21/04/2020	Procedures for ships entering port of Aqaba, guidelines for stakeholders and ship operators, measures for ships flying the Jordanian flag and JMC staff, details on National Defence Law	Details of precautionary measures to be taken by ships entering Jordanian territorial water to prevent entry of COVID-19 in Jordan, safety information for all stakeholders, seafarer welfare and ship operator guidelines, instructions for JMC's staff within the building of JMC, 1 month extension of fishermen's navigation licenses expiring soon, information on measures taken to adapt and comply with National Defence Law
KENYA	CL.4286	30/04/2020	Temporary measures in relation to vessel inspections/surveys, vessels certification and the validity of seafarers' documents	Statutory surveys, audits and inspections may be extended/postponed, statutory certificates expiring between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020 are extended for 3 months, CoCs, CoPs, STCW, non-STCW and medical certificates due to expire are extended for 6 months from date of expiry or until 1 October 2020 (whichever is earlier), SEA expiring between 1 March 2020 and 31 August 2020 can be extended for 6 months by agreement of the ship owner and seafarer, information on minimum safe manning, port state control and ship owners liability
	CL.4286/Add.1	20/09/2020	Measures to authorise and facilitate crew changes in Kenya	Crew changes are allowed in the port of Mombasa, guidelines for safe crew changes have been developed

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KIRIBATI	CL.4299	01/06/2020	Extension of statutory certificates, surveys, inspections and audits	SEA may be extended upon request with the consent of the seafarer, details on how to extend CoC and CoP, information on obtaining a short-term dispensation letter in the event an official letter of extension cannot be produced, statutory surveys and certificates may be extended for 3 months, inspections and audits may be extended, remote inspection techniques should be considered where possible, STCW certificates/endorsements and marine medical fitness certificates expiring between 1 April 2020 to 1 November 2020 may be extended for 6 months from the date of expiry, information on revalidation of certificates
	CL.4299/Add.1	27/08/2020	Seafarers declared Key Workers	The Government of Kiribati has declared seafarers as key workers and realises the need to enable seafarers to undertake important supply tasks during the onset of the global Covid-19 pandemic
KUWAIT	CL.4270	17/04/2020	Extension of statutory certificates, surveys, audits and inspections	Extension of surveys and audits for up to 3 months, information on SMD and exemptions to SMD, details on the extension of CoC and CoP, SEA may be extended with approval of the seafarer, information on renewal of Seaman's record books

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LATVIA	CL.4280	27/04/2020	Extension of certificates, audits, surveys and inspections	CoC may be extended, existing qualification documents for Masters and Officers will be extended, medical certificates extended for up to 3 months, surveys and audits may be extended for 3 months, most PSC inspections postponed, information on port control, up to date information can be found on the website: www.lja.lv/en
	CL.4280/Add.1	25/06/2020	Changes in the provision of services	Submission/reception of documents and assessments of the competency of seafarers at the Registry of Seamen are only by advance appointment, information on professional education programmes and short training programmes of seafarers, if the seafarer hold a valid CoC or CoP however any training COP or DE has expired, the validity of the training course certificate is automatically extended until the end of the voyage
LEBANON	CL.4276	23/04/2020	Contingency measures for extension of ships' and seafarers' certificates	CoC, CoP, GMDSS radio operator certificates, seaman's books, endorsements of foreign certificates, medical certificates, ships' certificates, ships' statutory certificates, certificates from service providers, annual ship ISM audits and ISPS expiring between 15 March 2020 and 15 July 2020 are valid for 3 months after its expiry date, surveys and audits expiring by 15 July 2020 extended for 3 months, information on repatriation, details on how to extend seafarers certificates, SEA may be extended for 3 months

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LIBERIA	CL.4270	17/04/2020	Guidance for seafarers and ship owners	Guidance can be found on the Liberian Registry's website at: Liberian Registry response to the COVID-19 pandemic
	CL.4230/Add.4	18/05/2020	Statement in support of the recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the COVID-19 pandemic	Panama and Liberia join to support IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.14 for the "Recommended Framework of Protocols Ensuring Safe Ship Crew Changes and Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic, they call upon other Flag States to join them in their support of these protocols which ensure the safety of the seafarers at sea, the goods they carry, and the environment in which they sail
LITHUANIA	CL.4279	27/04/2020	Measures for shipping and seafarers regarding COVID-19	Guidelines can be found on the Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration website at: https://itsa.lrv.lt/en/news/information-of-the-lithuanian-transport-safety-administration-which-is-important-for-shipping-and-seafarers-after-the-announcement-of-the-quarantine
MADAGASCAR	CL. 4318	18/08/2020	Extension of certificates	Certain seafarer certificates, medical certificates and seafarer books have been extended for 6 months from their date of expiry
MALDIVES	CL.4256	08/04/2020	Extension of certificates and permits	CoC expiring on or after 1 March 2020 may apply for a 6-month extension, mandatory short course for revalidation of CoC extended for 6 months, medical/trading certificates, and port facility permits expiring on 1 March 2020 extended until 30 June 2020
MARSHALL ISLANDS	CL.4233	25/03/2020	Policies, guidance and important information regarding COVID-19	Webpage (https://www.register-iri.com/covid-19/) created to provide guidance and measures for ships and seafarers

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MEXICO	CL.4304/Add.1	19/06/2020	Actions taken by the National Maritime Authority of the Mexican United States	High seas and coastal navigations remain active at national ports, humanitarian bridges set up to disembark passengers/crew to be repatriated, to transfer passengers and those with COVID-19 symptoms, information on measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 especially upon the arrival of ships, ports can allow a ship in quarantine and evacuate infected people, details on extension of certificates, online training and the education of seafarers conducted electronically, essential port constructions to continue
MONTENEGRO	CL.4244	31/03/2020	Extension of maritime documents and employment contracts	CoC, CoP and health certificates expiring before 30 June 2020 to be extended for 3 months, employment contracts can be extended for up to 3 months with consent of seafarer
MOROCCO	CL.4277	22/04/2020	Temporary measures taken with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak	Titles and certificates of Moroccan vessels extended until 1 July 2020, ISM, ISPS and MLC and OIT188 can be extended for up to 6 months, expired STCW documents and medical certificates extended until 1 July 2020, guidelines for seafarer welfare onboard, details for ships on access to ports and port state control, information on car-ferries and tax, financial and social provisions
MYANMAR	CL.4246	02/04/2020	Extension certificates	Extension of seafarers' STCW and medical certificates for 6 months
	CL.4246/Add.2	17/04/2020	Extending the validity of certificates to Myanmar registered vessels	Extending survey, audits and inspections of certificates expiring before 30 June 2020, surveys, certificates and annual ISM and ISPC internal audits extended for up to 3 months
	CL.4246/Add.4	19/08/2020	Extension of certificates to Myanmar registered vessels	Information provided on the extension of certificates, Myanmar registered vessels' certificates expiring between 30 June 2020 and 30 September 2020 may be extended for 3 months, guidance showing a step-based approach to the issuance of short-term certificates for further extension beyond three months
	CL.4246/Add.5	03/09/2020	Extension of SEA	Conditions for the extension on SEA, SEA may be extended for a maximum of 3 months

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NETHERLANDS	CL.4228	23/03/2020	Contingency plans for ships and fish trawlers	Guidelines for seafarers and extension of certificates - Ship certificates expiring before 19 June 2020 are extended for 3 months and CoP, seaman books and CoC for 4 months
	CL.4228/Add.1	08/04/2020	Updated contingency plan and guidelines	Information on statutory surveys and certification, procedures for reporting, musterlists and drills, repatriation, medical equipment, port state control and seafarer certificates, annual ISM internal audits postponed for 3 months, remote inspections and audits may be carried out, information on seafarer welfare can be found on www.ilent.nl , details on the Maritime Declaration of Health in Port Authority Rotterdam/Amsterdam provided
	CL.4228/Add.2	12/06/2020	MAC contingency plan and guidelines from the Maritime Authority of Curaçao	Details on the contingency plan to all ships flying flag of Curaçao, all ships' certificates (including those issued by service providers) expiring before 1 July 2020 will be valid for 3 months, annual ISM internal audits postponed for 3 months, remote audits may be carried out, information provided on MSMD, port state control, seagoing service, endorsements, crew drills and seaman books, CoC and CoP expiring before 1 July 2020 are extended for 4 months from date of expiry, medical certificates expiring between 31 March 2020 and 1 July 2020 can be used for up to 3 months after date of expiry
			New measures for the shipping community	2 week quarantine for incoming traffic and travellers, commercial ports are reopening for certain commercial activities, repair and maintenance facilities allowed to operate, information provided on ship waste procedures, lay ups, onboard maintenance, local commercial traffic and applicable ports, crew changes and repatriation are now allowed and details for inbound and outbound crew is provided

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	CL.4228/Add.3	18/06/2020	Updates to the MAC contingency plan and guidelines	Commercial ports to be opened for some commercial activities, details on the relaxing of the entry ban, more repair and maintenance facilities allowed to operate, information on ship waste management, local commercial traffic, layups, crew changes, repatriation and a list of ports to which the notice is applicable
NEW ZEALAND	CL.4248	03/04/2020	Extending the validity of New Zealand Seafarer Certificates	CoC, medical and ancillary certificates expiring between 11 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 are extended for 3 months from the date of expiry, subject to conditions
	CL.4248/Add.1	06/04/2020	Temporary formats for New Zealand STCW and STCW-F certificates	New STCW and STCW-F certificates will be issued in a temporary format as found in the circular letter
	CL.4248/Add.6	01/09/2020	Extension of New Zealand seafarer ancillary certificates	Seafarers who hold or are applying for a CoC, CoP, CoE or CoR do not need to demonstrate continued competence, providing certain conditions are met, the exemption is valid until 28 February 2021

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NIGERIA	CL.4271	16/04/2020	Extension of statutory and trading certificates for all Nigerian registered vehicles	Extension of related ship certificates expiring between 1 March 2020 and 1 July 2020 for 3 months or until full resumption of working operations in the Agency, extension of STCW certificates, medical certificates and certificates of safety training expiring between 1 March 2020 and 1 July 2020 for 3 months from date of expiry, crew change subject to obtaining clearance from Port Health and Nigerian Centre for Disease Control, guidelines for ship owners
	CL.4271/Add.1	14/05/2020	Information on Nigerian port operations	Ports will be kept open, measures for safe operations and best industry practices adopted, maritime trade and shipping activities will continue to allow vital goods and essential medical supplies
	CL.4271/Add.2	22/07/2020	Extension of Statuary and Trading Certificates for all Nigerian flagged vessels	Extension of statutory, trading and STCW certificates for all Nigerian registered vessels for certificates expiring between 1 July 2020 and 1 October 2020 for 3 months from the date of expiry, crew change/travels subject to obtaining clearance from the Port Health and Nigerian Centre for Disease Control

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NORWAY	CL.4231	27/03/2020	Extension of certificates and vessel instructions	Certificates and inspections expiring before 12 June 2020 extended for 3 months, RO's authorised to grant extensions
	CL.4231/Add.3	23/04/2020	Updates to the information given in CL.4231	All trading certificates and vessel instructions expiring in 2020 granted a 3-month extension, certificates and vessel instructions expiring before 1 January 2021 extended for 3 months, instructions to RO's, delegated authorities and service providers
	CL.4231/Add.5	14/05/2020	Guidelines for crew changes	Infection control measures for crew/personnel residing in Norway travelling to/from ships, information regarding local municipality requirements, guidelines for crew/personnel arriving ships in Norway from abroad who are travelling to/from the ship, information on crew changes, documentary requirements for change of crew and quarantine requirements
OMAN	CL.4239	27/03/2020	Extension of certificates and seafarer's documents	Certificates (medical, CoC and CoP), recognition endorsements/documents and seafarer's identify documents extended up to 30 June 2020
	CL.4239/Add.1	04/05/2020	COVID-19 related information regarding shipping and port operations	Maritime declaration of health form must be completed by the masters of ships arriving from foreign ports 12 hours before arrival, information on precautionary measures to be followed for seafarers onboard and for shore personnel visiting ships, instructions for Omani vessels and foreign vessels, instructions for shipowners, ship managers, agents and masters of Omani ships and information on crew changes

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PANAMA	CL.4230	24/03/2020	Employment agreement and certificates	Certificates (medical and CoP), seafarer's documents, recognition endorsements and employment contracts (upon request) extended for up to 3 months and information on dispensation letters
	CL.4230/Add.1	03/04/2020	Updates to the guidance given in CL.4230	Additional information on seafarer's documents/certificates and dispensation letters
	CL.4230/Add.2	03/04/2020	Guidelines for postponement/ extension of statutory certification & service requests	Most statutory certificates, surveys, audits and inspections with due date between March and May 2020 extended for up to 3 months, information on conditional certificates and annual service of life saving appliances
	CL.4230/Add.3	27/04/2020	Measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic	Information regarding offices that are working remotely, details on registration of property titles and ship mortgages, audits, inspections, surveys, dry docking, crew licenses, contracts and endorsements are extended for 3 months
	CL.4230/Add.4	18/05/2020	Statement in support of the recommended framework of protocols for ensuring safe ship crew changes and travel during the COVID-19 pandemic	Panama and Liberia join to support IMO Circular Letter No.4204/Add.14 for the "Recommended Framework of Protocols Ensuring Safe Ship Crew Changes and Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic. They call upon other Flag States to join them in their support of these protocols which ensure the safety of the seafarers at sea, the goods they carry, and the environment in which they sail
	CL.4230/Add.5	01/06/2020	Panama designates seafarers as "key workers"	Panama shows its support for seafarers and supports the need for safer crew changes, licenses, certificates and employment contracts can be extended for 3 months, upon agreement, and at no cost to the seafarer, at the end of the extension all seafarers will be entitled to their annual paid vacation and to be repatriated

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	CL.4230/Add.8 /Rev.1	25/06/2020	Guidelines for ships and seafarers	Detailed instructions for repatriations, embarkation or disembarkation of crew during the covid-19 pandemic period
	CL.4230/Add.8 /Rev.2	25/06/2020	The main actions taken by the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) to combat the COVID-19 pandemic	Information on extension of the SEA agreement, seafarers certificates, dispensation letters, inspections, medical certificates and the extension of the validity of colour copies of the full terms of seafarers' technical documents, details on the renewal of Maritime training course certificates, some maritime training course may be taught online, protocols for joining a ship, leaving a ship and repatriation, crew health self-declaration/ship crew changes form
	CL.4230/Add.9	30/06/2020	Updates to the Marine Merchant Notice	Marine Merchant Notice has been modified to strengthen and reinforce its initial purpose which is the protection of seafarers, invites companies to consider Panama as a crew change hub (see https://amp.gob.pa/crew-change-during-covid-19/ for more details)
	CL.4230/Add.10	17/07/2020	Measures taken to support seafarers	Details on the measures that have been taken to support seafarers in their repatriation and a call for other Member States to allow the repatriation, landing and boarding of seafarers from their territories
	CL.4230/Add.11	20/07/2020	Proposed information format available to IMO Member States, related to COVID-19 and crew changes	A Proposal by the Panama Maritime Administration of an Format of Information available to IMO Member States related to COVID-19 and crew changes, will allow IMO member states to provide updated information from their countries regarding actions, protocols, activities, declarations, communications, contact points, links on web pages and allow crew changes to be carried out safely

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PHILIPPINES	CL.4237	25/03/2020	Extension of STCW certificates for seafarers	Automatic 2-month extension from date of expiry of certificates expiring between 13 March 2020 and 13 April 2020
	CL.4237/Add.1	16/04/2020	Further extension of validity of STCW certificates	STCW certificates issued to Filipino seafarers expiring between 13 March to 31 May 2020 may be extended for 6 months from the date of expiry
	CL.4237/Add.2	27/04/2020	Extension of statutory certificates	Surveys, inspections and statutory certificates issued by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) extended to 31 May 2020
	CL.4237/Add.7	30/06/2020	Extension of the validity of passports for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)	The extension of validity for expiring ePassports has been authorised, applications for extensions can be sent by mail, courier or an authorised representative of the seafarer or shipping company, shipping companies/manning agencies should ensure that Filipino seafarers have the 10-year valid ePassport prior to deployment
	CL.4237/Add.8	02/07/2020	Extension of STCW certificates	All STCW certificates that have expired or are expiring between 1 June 2020 to 30 June 2020 will be automatically extended for 6 months from the date of expiry, details regarding extensions for shipping companies and manning/crewing agencies
	CL.4237/ Add.10	24/07/2020	Joint Circular No. 01 Series of 2020	Titled "Guidelines for the Establishment of the Philippine Green Lane to Facilitate the Speedy and Safe Travel of Seafarers, Including their Safe and Swift Disembarkation, and Crew Change during the COVID-19 Pandemic", this guide provides guidelines and process flows for the main six identified scenarios in crew change and repatriation

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PERU	CL.4296	27/05/2020	Extension of seafarer and ship certificates and details on a recommendations guide by the National Port Authority	Statutory ship certificates, CoC, titles, medical certificates and endorsements have been extended, sanitary protection and preventive measures have been imposed, a recommendations guide has been developed with guidelines produced for port facilities regarding sanitary controls
POLAND	CL.4232	24/03/2020	Certificate extensions	Extension of maritime pilots' documents, seafarer's documents (certificates - medical, CoC and CoP) until 1 September 2020, and contracts up to 3 months
	CL.4232/Add.5	27/08/2020	Guidelines for extending seafarer certificates	CoP and CoP for seafarers currently onboard may be extended until 31 December 2020, maritime pilots' documents and medical certificates expiring on or after 1 March 2020 are valid until 1 September 2020, SEA may be extended for a maximum of 3 months with consent of the seafarer and a further extension may be given if repatriation is not possible, information on the conditions for extensions and the application process
QATAR	CL.4249	02/04/2020	Contingency plans to mitigate disruption to delivered services	Existing endorsements for recognition of a certificate extended for 3 months from date of expiry (CRA will be issued instead of new endorsements)
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	CL.4259	09/04/2020	COVID-19 measures and suggestions	Information on measures taken by the Korean government such as no restrictions on ships' arrivals/departures, remote ship inspections and audits, guidelines on crew changes, employment period and extension of the validity of certificates, information on port state control, ship certificates can be extended for up to 3 to 6 months

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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	CL.4252	03/04/2020	Precautionary measures to minimise risk of community spread of COVID-19 in the ports and onboard	Measures and guidelines related to COVID-19 for ships flying the Moldova flag and seafarers onboard
	CL.4252/Add.1	09/04/2020	Guidelines on the extension of statutory inspections and statutory certificates	Foreign CoC and CoP can be extended for up to 6 months from the date of expiry, most mandatory survey and audit requirements are suspended until 30 June 2020, extension of statutory certificates, servicing of equipment, inspections, service providers of Moldova Flag ships for up to 3 months
ROMANIA	CL.4234	26/03/2020	Extension of certificates	Most certificates expiring during health emergency period to be extended for 3 months
	CL.4234/Add.4	14/07/2020	Extension of seafarer documents	CoC, CoP, medical certificates, seaman's books, endorsements by the RNA and training certificates are extended to 1 October 2020
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	CL.4237	25/03/2020	Measures and guidelines relating to statutory certificates	Statutory ship certificates, periodic surveys and inspections, employment contracts (upon consent), medical certificates and seafarer certificates extended for 3 months
	CL.4237/Add.5	20/05/2020	Additional urgent measures taken due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic	Seafarer's certificates expiring on or before 20 June 2020 extended for 6 months, for medical certificates due to expire, the seafarer is permitted to work without a valid medical certificate for 3 months
	CL.4237/Add.6	12/06/2020	Extension of certificates	CoC, endorsement of certificates, CoP, tanker endorsements (oil tankers, liquefied gas tankers, chemical tankers), certificates for ship's cooks and STCW documents that have expired or is due to expire before 20 September 2020, may be extended for 3 months
	CL.4237/Add.9	13/07/2020	Extension of seafarer's certificates and documents	All seafarer certificates and documents expiring before 20 September 2020 are extended for 3 months, this extension is applicable to seafarers working on board ships flying the flag of a foreign state

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SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	CL.4248	03/04/2020	Guidance and recommendations for ships and seafarers	3-month extensions for seafarers' certificates, ship surveys, audits, inspections and seaman's record books providing conditions are met, information on employment contracts and repatriation
	CL.4248/Add.2	18/05/2020	Temporary measures set for 2 months starting from 18 May 2020	Statutory surveys, dry-docking surveys and servicing of ship's equipment extended, ISM internal audits may be extended for 3 months, DoC audits may be extended up to 18 July 2020, 3-month extension may be given to existing SMC and ISSC certificates, information on ML certificates, inspections postponed, SEA may be extended upon request, repatriation at no cost to the seafarer, validity of STCW endorsements may be extended, MSM and seaman books extended, medical certificates extended up to 3 months, details on drills, insurance/financial security and copies of certificates/documents
	CL.4248/Add 3	30/06/2020	COVID-19 Contingency measures	The Maritime administration has adopted the measures in the circular GEN 025 Rev.3 in relation to seafarer's certificates and ship certificates and surveys, measures can be found on www.svg-marad.com
	CL.4248/Add.4	17/07/2020	Measures relating to seafarer certificates, ship surveys and certificates	The Maritime administration has adopted the measures in the circular GEN 025 Rev.4 in relation to seafarer's certificates and survey and certificates of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines flagged vessels, measures have been published on www.svg-marad.com

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	CL.4248/Add.5	18/08/2020	Temporary measures put in place for 2 months starting from 18 August 2020	Statutory surveys and dry docking surveys may be extended, ISM internal audits can be extended for 3 months and DoC audits up to 18 October 2020, existing SMC and ICCS certificates may be extended for 3 months, information provided on ML certificates, MSM documents, inspections, drills, temporary certificates and MLC financial security, SEA agreements may be extended with consent of the seafarer and repatriation is available at no cost to the seafarer, CoC, CoP and seaman's books may be extended, medical certificates due to expire may be extended for 3 months
SAMOA	CL.4239	27/03/2020	Certificates of competency	Certificates expiring on 30 April 2020 extended for up to 3 months
SAUDI ARABIA	CL.4243	31/03/2020	Special guidelines for issuing certificates and seafarer maritime documents	Guidelines on renewing CoC (granted for up to 3 months), issuing a new endorsement (granted for up to 3 months), extending medical certificates and seaman's book due to expire on or before 30 June 2020 by up to 3 months from date of expiry
SOUTH AFRICA	CL.4285	30/04/2020	Guidelines for seafarers and vessel certification during the COVID-19 period	Extension of seafarer certificates expiring during/shortly after lockdown until 30 September 2020, medical/eyesight certificates, vessel certificates and surveys are valid for up to 3 months from date of expiry, information on the safe manning of ships
	CL.4285/Add.1	03/07/2020	Updates to Guidelines for Seafarers and Vessel Certification	Extension of seafarer certificates until 31 December 2020 to any that expire during the national lockdown and/or shortly thereafter, medical certificates, ship certificates and surveys may be extended for 3 months, guidance for seafarers holding foreign certificates, link to SAMSA marine notices for ships and seafarers

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SPAIN	CL.4247	03/04/2020	Information on certificates, port control, surveys and extensions	Extension of certificates granted, extension of the term of validity of the dispatches and crew, suspension of non-emergency surveys/inspections, prohibition of entry into Spanish ports for ships from Italy, restricted traffic from Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta and cruise ships
	CL.4247/Add.1	01/04/2020	Extension of certificates and detailed information on prohibition of entry and traffic restrictions	Validity term of dispatches by time/crew signing on and off extended, CoC, CoP and certificates/documents for ships/boats providing services are extended, training certificates extended for up to 6 months, certificates of revision of first-aid kits on board extended for up to 5 months from date of expiry, medical certificates extended for up to 3 months from date of expiration, guidelines on prohibition of entry and traffic restrictions
	CL.4247/Add.2	01/05/2020	Information on border control and transits	Measures have been introduced to allow seafarers to cross the borders and transit through Spanish territory
	CL.4247/Add.3	11/05/2020	Updated information to the guidance given in CL.4247/Add.1	Information on facilitating the transit of seafarers, updates to the extension of certificates - medical certificates and certificates of revision of the first-aid kits onboard ships extended for up to 6 months from date of expiry, information on port restrictions
	CL.4247/Add.4	05/06/2020	Update on measures to be taken during the state of alarm	Information on extension of certificates, extension of the term of validity of the dispatches by time, and the crew signing on and off, inspections and surveys are gradually being reactivated, details on designated entry points, information on sanitary measures for passengers that have been put in place, distance and on-line maritime theory training for the theoretical part of the approved courses is authorized, details on recreational crafts, details on the Ballast Water Convention and tourist passenger transport

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SRI LANKA	CL.4237	25/03/2020	Guidance relating to certificates and contract of employment of Seafarers	Statutory certificates expiring before 30 April 2020 extended to 31 May 2020, CoC, CoP, CoR and Medical certificates expiring before 30 April 2020 extended till June 2020 and SEA extended upon request
	CL.4237/Add.3	28/04/2020	Extension of certificates, surveys, audits and employment contracts	CoC, CoP, Seaman's books and CoR expiring on or before 1 May 2020 remain valid until 1 October 2020, medical certificates expiring on or before 1 May 2020 is extended for 3 months, short term certificates, employment contracts and audits may be extended for 3 months, statutory surveys expiring between 1 May 2020 and 1 October 2020 may be extended for 3 months
	CL.4237/Add.4	18/05/2020	Updates to the validity period of seafarers' certificates	Updates to the validity period of seafarers' certificates (applicable to the holders of the certificates issued by/on behalf of the MSS) expiring between 13 March 2020 and 1 October 2020, CoC, CoP, CoR and CDC may be extended for up to 6 months from the date of expiry, medical certificates and SEA may be extended for up to 3 months from its date of expiry upon certain conditions
SWEDEN	CL.4245	01/04/2020	Extension of surveys, inspections and certifications	Statutory certificates, surveys, audits (annual ISM and ISPS internal audits postponed for only 3 months), foreign certificates, medical certificates, CoC and CoP will remain valid for 6 months from the date of expiry and further information provided on safe manning and PSC inspections
	CL.4245/Add.2	02/07/2020	Update on extensions and temporary guidelines	Seafarers designated as "key workers" since the temporary restriction of non-essential travel to Sweden on 19 March 2020, all ships' statutory certificates, medical certificates, CoC and CoP that expire on or after the 1st of April and before 1 September 2020 will remain valid for 6 months from the date of expiry, information on foreign certificates, surveys, audits, inspections, port facility security and dispensations, guidelines in the event of difficulties maintaining safe manning

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	CL.4245/Add.3	02/09/2020	Measures to mitigate disruption to the maritime section	Details of the measures taken can be found on https://transportstyrelsen.se/en/About-us/coronavirus-covid-19/ , includes information on surveys, audits, inspections, seafarer documents, Swedish endorsement of foreign certificates, dispensations, MSD and details on port facility security
SWITZERLAND	CL.4305	17/06/2020	Temporary measures and policies	SEA may be extended for 2 months under the same conditions as the existing agreement and all compensation due and subsequent repatriation must be provided for, Switzerland requests all Members States/other Countries to allow for/facilitate the travelling of transport workers without undue restrictions and with IMO's recommendations, information on MSM and watchkeeping, All Statutory certifications issued by SMNO and/or any Recognized Organization (RO) may be extended for a maximum of 3 months
TANZANIA	CL.4288	11/05/2020	Extension of certificates and instructions for ports for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic	Seafarers documents/certificates (CoC, CoP, medical certificates, CDC and endorsements) issued/endorsed by URT expiring before 1 July 2020 are extended for 3 months from their date of their expiry, contact details listed for any inquiries, instructions given for major/minor ports, maritime declaration of health form attached
THAILAND	CL.4258	08/04/2020	Extension of statutory supervision and statutory certificates	All certificates and supplementary documents issued by the Marine Department expiring before 1 July 2020 are extended for 3 months, statutory ship certificates, surveys, audits and inspections to resume once COVID-19 situation is improved, ship operations to follow IMO guidelines for seafarer welfare

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TURKEY	CL.4245	01/04/2020	Extension of Certificates	3-month extension from date of expiry of certificates, survey and audit period, Seaman's Books, CoC, ROC/GOC/REO, STCW Certificates and Medical Fitness Certificates
	CL.4245/Add.1	24/06/2020	Extension of certificates	Turkish seafarers' seaman's books, CoC, GMDSS radio operator certificates (ROC/GOC/REO), STCW and medical certificates that have expired or due to expire are extended up to 23 September 2020, no application or approval process required
TUVALU	CL.4268	16/04/2020	Extension of CoE, SEA and information on statutory surveys and certificates	SEA may be extended with agreement of the seafarer, details on applying for extension of CoE, inspections, audits, surveys and certificates can be postponed/extended by 3 months
UNITED KINGDOM	CL.4236	26/03/2020	Seafarer welfare, transit and transfer information	UK ports kept open and no restrictions on access to shore leave or the transit/transfer of seafarers, guidelines and recommendations for seafarers onboard
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	CL.4242	31/03/2020	Horns of hope	Ships/tugboats in UAE ports to sound horn for 15 seconds everyday 18.30 UAE time (GMT +4)
	CL.4253	06/04/2020	Extension of certificates and guidance for seafarers onboard	Expired CoC, CoP, medical certificates, endorsements for recognition of certificates and other seafarer certificates extended for 3 months starting on 26/03/2020, guidance on measures to facilitate ship's crew change in UAE
	CL.4253/Add.1	03/08/2020	Protocol for resuming UAE Maritime activities with safety measures	Information provided on crew change procedures, signing off, dry docks and ship repairs facilities procedures, ships and offshore supply vessels procedures, details on procedures for passenger ships ferries, wooden ships, yachts and leisure boats and shore passes

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	CL.4281	27/04/2020	Guidance and recommendations to assist ship owners and operators, mariners and port facilities	Information related to COVID-19 can be found on various posts on Coast Guard Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs): https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Featured-Content/Mariners/Marine-Safety-Information-Bulletins-MSIB/
UGANDA	CL.4278	27/04/2020	COVID-19 measures taken	Measures taken can be found on the website: https://www.works.go.ug/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Security-level-3-ISPS-code-Instructions-for-Ports-and-Landing-Sites.pdf
UKRAINE	CL.4232	24/03/2020	Extension of STCW certificates and employment contracts for seafarers	STCW certificates expiring in March-May can be extended for 3 months from expiry date, details on procedures to renew employment contracts
	CL.4232/Add.2	21/04/2020	Information on seafarer certificates, flag state and extension of documents	CoC and CoP expiring between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2020 extended for 3 months, medical certificates can be extended for up to 3 months from date of expiry, pilot and pilot operator certificates that expired on or after 1 March 2020 valid until 30 June 2020, no restrictions on port state control, extension/postponement of surveys, audits and inspections
	CL.4232/Add.3	01/06/2020	Extension of certificates and documents	Statutory surveys, audits and inspections may be extended, no port state control restrictions, CoC, CoP, seafarer's identity documents, maritime pilots' and pilot operators' documents expiring after 1 March 2020 may be extended from the date of expiry to 30 September 2020, seafarers may work without a valid medical certificate until 30 September 2020

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VANUATU	CL.4283	29/04/2020	Measures taken in relation to COVID-19	SEA can be extended, details on repatriation and entitlement to leave, STCW endorsements, I. D. books and Vanuatu National CoCs issued in the Oil and Gas industry expiring between 1 March 2020 and 31 July 2020 are extended until 31 October 2020 or until the National CoC expires, STCW Medical Certificates and Drug testing are valid for 3 months from date of expiry, ISM/ISPS/MLC audits expiring by 31 May 2020 are postponed for up to 3 months, copies of certificates and documents in electronic format are acceptable, updated guidance can be found on: https://www.vanuatumaritimships.com/
	CL.4283/Add.1	30/06/2020	Information on Seafarers Employment Agreement (SEA)	SEA may be extended with all benefits regarding entitlement to leave and repatriation, automatic 45 day extension granted from 14 March 2020 up to 30 April 2020, any seafarer that had been granted a 60 day extension beyond the 45 days given whose SEA is due to expire on or before 30 June 2020 and cannot be relieved/repatriated due to travel restrictions, will be automatically granted an extension up to 30 September 2020
VIET NAM	CL.4246	02/04/2020	Seafarer certificates	Extension of CoC, CoP and endorsements by up to 3 months
	CL.4246/Add.1	09/04/2020	Guidelines for extension of the ship's existing statutory certificates, surveys, audits and inspections	Certificates, surveys, audits and inspections can be extended for up to 3 months from date of expiry
	CL.4246/Add.3	18/08/2020	Extension of certificates	CoC, CoP, medical certificates and certificates of endorsement due to expire or that have expired should be extended until the crew members sign off/terminate their working contracts on board the ships, maximum extension is until 31 December 2020

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YEMEN	CL.4325	15/09/2020	Information on crew changes	Crews may arrive and depart from Yemeni ports and airports, all crew members will be subject to a PCR test, seafarers, marine personnel, fishing vessel personnel, offshore energy sector personnel, aviation personnel, air cargo supply chain personnel and service provider personnel at airports and ports have been designated as key workers

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	CL NUMBER	DATE	SUBJECT	CONTENTS
HONG KONG, CHINA	CL.4250	06/04/2020	Special Arrangements by the Hong Kong Marine Department	Seafarers' certifications and employment agreements can be extended upon request, statutory certificates can be extended for up to 3 months, information on Port State Control in Hong Kong