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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has sent the attached communication, received 11 August 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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**AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Vietnam's situational solution relates to seafarers certification practice**

Dear Sir,

According to Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers in Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5, dated 17 March 2020 by the Organisation,

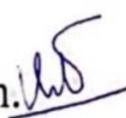
Following the previous letter issued by us announcing the Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Vietnam's situational solution relates to seafarers certification practice, in which mentioning that all kinds of *seafarers' certificates issued by competent Viet Nam agencies of crew members who are in services on the sea-going ships, those expire may be extended up to 3 (three) months counting from the date of expiry. The maximum extension is until July 31, 2020,*

Based on the current situation of Covid 19 pandemic,

Viet Nam Maritime Administration, under Ministry of Transport of Viet Nam, has already applied new maximum extension date of December 31, 2020. full text as follows:

*All kinds of certificates of proficiency (COP), certificates of competency (COC), certificates of endorsement attesting the recognition of the COC/COP, endorsement certificates attesting the issuance of the certificate, certificates of health for seafarers (hereinafter referred to as seafarers' certificates issued by competent Viet Nam agencies) of crew members who are in services on the sea-going ships, those expire should be extended until the crew members sign-off and terminate their working contracts on board the ships. The maximum extension is until December 31, 2020.*

*This provision does not apply to seafarers' certificates revoked by competent agencies for violations of law provisions.*

If you have any request, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information. 

Yours sincerely,

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