



Technical Circular

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Subject: Comoros Maritime Circular Ref No. 20/01855/COM on COVID-19 – Guidance relating to the postponement /extension of statutory certification & services

1. The Maritime Administration of Comoros vide attached Circular Ref No. 20/01855/COM has provided following guidance relating to the postponement/extension of statutory certification and services as an exceptional measures in view of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.
 - a. Where a surveyor is not able to undertake scheduled surveys due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, Recognized Organizations to request authorization for issuance of a Conditional Certificate valid for three (3) months using remote surveys, provided all relevant records and justifications are reported to the Administration.
 - b. In case of annual servicing of life saving appliances and firefighting equipment expiring between March and May 2020, application is to be made via RO for extension for a maximum of one (1) month period, submitting also an official statement by the Master of the ship that the equipment is in good operational condition.
 - c. Vessels holding a Conditional Certificate due to deficiencies or damages onboard, which cannot be rectified or corrected, shall in coordination with their RO communicate with the Administration for further guidance.
 - d. All statutory certificates (except for Conditional Certificates) expiring between March and May 2020 will exceptionally be extended for a period of three (3) months including DOC/SMC/ISSC/MLC and Exemption Certificates, subject to RO's acceptance and in coordination with it.
 - e. The validity of colour copies of Original Certificates as per Administration's Circular 18/01165/COM, issued as of March 2020 and afore, to be considered valid for a three (3) months period.
2. The measures stated above is effective immediately. However, the attached circular will not apply once the current crisis due to the pandemic is overcome and the RO consider as safe and risk-free to perform the relevant surveys/audits.

3. Ship owners/ operators and masters of Comoros flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure: Comoros Maritime Circular Ref No. 20/01855/COM, dated 28 March 2020.

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