



Technical Circular

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Subject: St. Kitts & Nevis Maritime Circular No. MC/92/20 Reg. Measures taken as a result of COVID-19 pandemic

1. The Maritime Administration of St. Kitts & Nevis, vide attached Maritime Circular No. MC/92/20 has adopted following interim measures with respect to ship's statutory certification and the seafarers certificates in view of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

a. Extension of Seafarer Certificates:

Seafarers in possession of a Certificate of Competency (CoC) that is due to expire should attempt to seek an extension of that CoC from the issuing nation. Upon receipt of an extended CoC, the Administration will issue a new Certificate of Endorsement for the extended period.

Seafarers in possession of a St Kitts & Nevis issued Certificate of Processing an Endorsement that will expire before the verification of the CoC can be achieved, as a result of the aforementioned Pandemic, a new Certificate of Processing an Endorsement can be requested and same will be issued by the Administration.

b. Extension to Statutory Certification, changes to audits & surveys:

In cases whereby a vessel is not able to be submitted for Surveys, the Administration can look favourably upon an extension to the survey window and/or Short Term certificate issuance subject to the R/O maintaining the vessels Class during this period.

Some R/O's have already requested permission to carry out remote surveys and upon application to the Administration with its procedural documents, this can be considered.

2. Ship owners/ operators and masters of St. Kitts & Nevis flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure: St. Kitts & Nevis Maritime Circular No. MC/92/20, dated 24 March 2020.

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Circular Letter to Maritime Registrars, Ship Owners, Ship Operators & Recognised Organisation

Maritime Circular No. MC/92/20

DATE: 24 March 2020

MEASURES TAKEN AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

This Maritime Circular serves to inform that Maritime Registrars, Ship Owners and Ship Operators about precautionary measures relating to Covid-19.

In addition to following the advice of all international guidance notes on the subject matter, we understand and appreciate the disruptions and difficulties experienced by Ship Owners & Managers as a result. Therefore, This Administration hereby informs our Ship Owners & Managers regarding the following:

EXTENSION OF SEAFARER CERTIFICATES BEYOND EXPIRY

Seafarers in possession of a Certificate of Competency (CoC) that is due to expire should attempt to seek an extension of that CoC from the issuing nation in the usual way. Upon receipt of an extended CoC, This Administration will issue a new Certificate of Endorsement for the extended period in the usual way.

Seafarers in possession of a St Kitts & Nevis issued Certificate of Processing an Endorsement that will expire before the verification of the CoC can be achieved, as a result of the aforementioned Pandemic, a new Certificate of Processing an Endorsement can be requested and issued.

EXTENSION OF STATUTORY CERTIFICATION, CHANGES TO AUDITS & SURVEYS

Recognised Organisations are required to note that in any cases whereby a vessel is not able to be submitted for Surveys, This Administration can look favourably upon an extension to the survey window and/or Short Term certificate issuance subject to the R/O maintaining the vessels Class during this period.

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LEGALISATION OF DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY HAGUE CONVENTION SIGNATORIES

Due to the measures taken by the UK Government, services including the legalisation of documents by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have been significantly reduced therefore we face delays in submissions and return of documents that require legalisation. Ship Owners & Ship Managers are required to take note.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

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