Concerning Corona Virus (COVID-19)
Guidance Relating to Extension
Certificates of Seafarers

To: – Shipping companies with ships
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working onboard Bahraini flagged vessels and onboard foreign vessels working in Bahraini waters valid for a period of 3 months, starting from 26/03/2020.

Furthermore, PMA, within the flag State and port State control, will take pragmatic and practical approach regarding inspection of all seafarer’s certificates on ships to which the STCW Convention applies, and will consider all extensions on these certificates and its endorsements acceptable when exercising control procedures in accordance with Article X (and Regulation 1/4) (Control Procedures) of the STCW of 1978, and Ministerial Resolution (20) for year 2016 with regard to implementation of maritime international conventions, and Ministerial Resolution (6) for year 2001 with regard to implementation of the STCW Convention.

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Special Measures Concerning the extension of certificates, inspections and audits for Bahraini Flagged Ships Due to the Outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19)

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In light of the precautionary measures taken to prevent an outbreak of the Corona Virus (COVID-19), and in order to ensure full implementation Legislative Decree (14) for year 1978 with regard to promulgation of registration of ships and determination of its safety, and Ministerial Decree (2) for year 2016 with regard to the implementation of maritime conventions, the Ports and Maritime Affairs (PMA) decided to accept the extension of the certificates, inspections and audits for Bahraini flagged ships from the date of this Marine Notice till 30th June 2020 without the prior approval of PMA, which includes:

1. Statutory certificates issued by Recognized Organizations, and it will not be required to replace with new certificates onboard.

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2. Certificates issued by service providers for servicing of life saving equipment, fire-fighting equipment or radio equipment.

3. Bottom inspections which are due before 30th June 2020.

4. Annual internal Audits as described in paragraph 12.1 of the ISM Code.

5. Periodical ISM & ISPS verifications.

6. All cases of extensions and postponement shall be reported afterwards by the ROs to the PMA through email (shipregistry@mtt.gov.bh).

7. The extensions mentioned in this marine notice do not include certificates issued directly by the PMA which are the Navigation License, Safe Manning Document, Exemption Certificates and Bunker Certificates.

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