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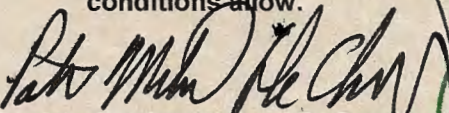
FLEET SAFETY LETTER 063020.GEN

30 June 2020

Applicable to: This FLEET SAFETY LETTER is to be brought to the attention of Masters, seafarers, ship-owners, ship managers, operators, manning agents, Recognized Organizations and Port State Control Officers or any official agency regarding Vanuatu registered vessels and seafarers serving thereon.

Coronavirus and Seafarers Employment Agreement (SEA)

1. This Fleet Safety Letter is issued to reiterate the points stated in the Fleet Safety Letter 031420.GEN issued on 14 March 2020, *(except as provided in paragraph 2 below)* extending the seafarer's period of service on board due to the Coronavirus Pandemic with all benefits established under Standards A2.4 (Entitlement to Leave) and A2.5.1. (Repatriation) of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006. (MLC)
2. In addition to the above, this Fleet Safety Letter:
 - a. modifies paragraph 6 of Fleet Safety Letter 031420.GEN granting an automatic 45 day extension from the date of 14 March 2020 resulting in an expiration date 30 April 2020 and;
 - b. Revokes paragraph 7 of Fleet Safety Letter 031420.GEN establishing a procedure to extend any SEA past the original period of 45 days.
 - c. Any seafarer on a Vanuatu flagged vessel that has been issued a 60 day extension under paragraph 7 of Fleet Safety Letter 031420.GEN past the original 45 days and due to expire on or about 30 June 2020 and the vessel owner/ manager/vessel's agent cannot relieve and repatriate any affected seafarer due to any travel restrictions caused by the pandemic it is hereby automatically extended up to and including 30 September 2020.
3. All efforts should be made where practical to make the appropriate crew changes as the conditions allow.


Captain Patrick Michael DeCharles, II,
by direction of the
Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs
The Republic of Vanuatu

