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DGS Order 23 of 2020

File No. ENG/MISC-29(73)/09	Date: 19.08.2020
Subject: Extension to the validity of Ship's Statutory Certificates, Periodical Surveys & Audits in view of COVID-19 Pandemic	

1. Noting that there have been difficulties faced by ship-owners to meet the statutory requirements in maintaining the validity of ship and seafarer certificates, due to force majeure situation posed by COVID-19 resulting lock-down of many countries around the world including India, the Directorate vide DGS Order 6 of 2020 dated 23rd March 2020, allowed extension of Ship's Statutory Certificates on a case to case basis by three months and extension of one month to the validity of Seafarer Certificate of Competency/Proficiency/Recognition of Equivalence.
2. Noting further that the continued lock-down has resulted in non-availability of Recognized Organization Surveyors, service suppliers and dry-docks, the Directorate vide Addendum No.2 to DGS Order 6 of 2020 dated 21st April 2020, allowed extension of ship statutory certificates expiring on/before 31st May 2020, beyond what is permitted by various International Conventions, subject to a Risk assessment carried out by Recognized Organization, and imposition of certain specific conditions such as enhanced monitoring of ships from shore by ship managers/owners during this period of extension.
3. Even though the lock-down started easing out with effect from end May 2020, yet many ship-owners faced problems in docking their vessels, either due to continued closure of the dry-docks or inability of the ship-owners to attend the ship at dry-dock due to non-availability of flights to foreign destinations, the Directorate vide DGS Order 13 of 2020 dated 21st May, 2020 allowed extension of ship statutory certificates expiring on/before 30th June 2020 under revised conditions such as ensuring attendance of the vessel by Recognized Organization, wherever possible, for progressing the surveys as far as practicable.