



Technical Circular

No.: 128/2020

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Subject: Sri Lanka MSN 07/2020 Reg. Extraordinary measures relating to seafarer's certification resulting due to COVID-19 pandemic

1. The Maritime Administration of Sri Lanka, vide Merchant Shipping Notice 07/2020 has adopted following extraordinary measures with respect to the seafarers certification in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Extension of the validity of Seafarers Certification:

- a. All CDCs, COCs, training certificates (i.e., certificates issued under chapter V and VI of the STCW Convention), associated endorsements and Cooks' certificates issued by the Administration which have expired or are expiring between **01st May and 31st December 2020** are extended till **30th September 2021**.
- b. Certificates of Recognition (Endorsement attesting the recognition of national certificates of competency) which have expired or are expiring between **01st May and 31st December 2020** will remain valid for a maximum period up to **30th September 2021**, or earlier date as provided by a similar extension issued by the competent Authority of the Country which issued the certificates of competency.
- c. There is no application required to be made for the aforementioned extension of certification.
- d. Notwithstanding the above, whenever the revalidation of the expired certificate is to be carried out, the normal processes/fees will be applicable and new validity date will be for a period of five years from the original date of expiry of the certificates.

3. Extension of the validity of Medical Certificates:

- a. All medical certificates which have expired or are expiring will be extended for the period of **three (3) months** from the date of expiry in accordance with STCW 78 as amended.
- b. Extension referred in sub paragraph a above, may be further extended for another **three (3) months** for seafarers who are unable to sign off due to various restrictions of port of calls, subject to following conditions.
 - i. Each request will be handled by the Administration individually (case by case).



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- ii. Duly completed form of application as prescribed in annexure-1 to the MSN 07/2020 is to be submitted to the Administration with a copy of the existing medical certificate.

4. Ship owners/ operators and masters of Sri Lanka flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure: Sri Lanka Merchant Shipping Notice 07/2020, dated 19 October 2020.

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Notice to:

Port State Control Authorities

Sri Lankan Ship-Owners, Operators and Masters of Sri Lankan Flagged Ships,

Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Service Providers,

Recognized Organizations.

Certification of Seafarers- Extra ordinary Measures Resulting COVID -19 Pandemic

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has issued circular letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev.1 dated on 2nd April 2020, to encourage STCW issuing administrations to take pragmatic and practical approach regarding the extension of certificates including medical certificates, and other associated endorsements due to the COVID -19 outbreak. Accordingly, Merchant Shipping Secretariat (MSS) has taken following further steps to extension of validity of certificates of seafarers.

All seafarers are encouraged to revalidate their CDC/COC/COP (including certificates required under chapter V and VI of the STCW convention and cooks 'certificates issued under MLC) certificates well in advance in the view of ongoing COVID -19 pandemic.

1. Extension of the validity of Seafarers Certification.

- i. All CDCs, COCs, training certificates (i.e., certificates issued under chapter V and VI of the STCW convention), associated endorsements and cooks' certificates issued by MSS which have expired or are expiring between **01st May and 31st December 2020** will be extended till **30th September 2021**.
- ii. Certificates of Recognition (Endorsement attesting the recognition of national certificates of competency) which have expired or are expiring between **01st May and 31st December 2020** will remain valid for a maximum period up to **30th September 2021**, or earlier date as provided by a similar extension issued by the competent Authority of the Country which issued the certificates of competency.
- iii. There is no application required to be made for the aforementioned extension of certification.

- iv. Notwithstanding the above, whenever the revalidation of their expired certificate is to be carried out, the normal processes/fees will be applicable and new validity date will be for a period of five years from the original date of expiry of the certificates.

2. Medical certificates issued under MLC.

- i. All medical certificates which have expired or are expiring will be extended for the period of three (3) months from the date of expiry in accordance with STCW 78 as amended.
- ii. Extension referred in sub paragraph i above, may be further extended for another three (3) months for seafarers who are unable to sign off due to various restrictions of port of calls, subject to following conditions.
 - a. Each request will be handled individually (case by case)
 - b. Duly completed form of application as prescribed in annexure-1 to this notice shall be submitted to the MSS with a copy of the existing medical certificate.

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ANNEX 1

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name (as in the passport)

First :

Middle:

Last :

DOB : DD / MM / YYYY

Sex : MALE / FEMALE

Passport number: Nationality:

Name of the Ship: Deck / Engine / Other (if other specify)

Type of ship: Trading area:

Date: DD / MM / YYYY

MEDICAL HISTORY – part 1 (To be filled by Candidate)

Have you ever had any of the following conditions?	YES	NO
1. Eye / vision disorders		
2. High Blood pressure		
3. Heart / Vascular disease		
4. Heart Surgery		
5. Varicose veins / piles		
6. Asthma / Bronchitis		
7. Blood disorder		
8. Diabetes		
9. Thyroid problem		
10. Digestive disorders		
11. Kidney problems		
12. Skin disorders		
13. Allergies		
14. Infectious/contagious diseases		
15. Hernia		
16. Genital disorders		
17. Pregnancy		
18. Sleeping disorders		
19. Do you smoke, use alcohol or drugs?		
20. Under gone any Operations / Surgeries		
21. Epilepsy / Seizers		
22. Dizziness / Fainting		
23. Loss of consciousness		
24. Psychiatric disorders		

25. Depression		
26. Have you attempted suicide		
27. Loss of memory		
28. Imbalance situations		
29. Severe headache		
30. Ear (Hearing, tinnitus) / Nose / Throat disorders		
31. Restricted mobility		
32. Back or joint injuries / disorders		
33. Amputation		
34. Fractures / Dislocations		

If you have answered "YES" to any of the questions above, please specify:

MEDICAL HISTORY – 2 (to be filled by the Master)

	YES	NO
35. Has the seafarer ever been hospitalized during the contract?		
36. Has the seafarer ever been declared unfit for duty?		
37. Are you aware any medical problems, diseases or illnesses during his stay on board?		
38. Do you feel that seafarer is healthy and fit to perform the duties of your designated position / occupation?		

If you have answered "YES" to any of the questions above, please specify:

Masters Recommendation

Signature and Ship Stamp