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MARITIME TRANSPORT
AGENCY OF GEORGIA

**Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Maritime Transport Agency Director's**

Order N5

April 6 2020

Batumi, Georgia

“On certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers’ certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19”

According to Article 20 and paragraph 5 of Article 25 of the Organic Law of Georgia “On Normative Acts”, article 61 of the Law of Georgia “On the General Administrative Code of Georgia”, paragraph 5 of article 8 of the Law of Georgia “On Administration and Regulation in the Field of Transportation”, Articles 1 and 5 of the Law of Georgia “on Seafarers education and certification”, Circular No.4204/Add.5 dated 17th March 2020 of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on “Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance relating to the certification of Seafarers” and sub-paragraph “d” of paragraph 2 of article 4 of Order №1-1/585 Of the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia “On Approval of the Charter of the Legal Entity of Public Law the Maritime Transport Agency”, I order the following:

Article 1

The adoption of the annexed “certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers’ certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19”.

Article 2

Order №01 dated 12 March 2020 of the Director of Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia on “On certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers’ certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19” be repealed from the moment of the entry into force of this order.

Article 3

This order shall come into force from the moment of its publication

Director of Maritime Transport Agency

Tamar Ioseliani

Certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers' certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19"

Article 1. Objective

1. The aim of these measures is to make an exception in accordance with the legislation of Georgia in the seafarers certification field of Georgia in regard with the spread of the novel coronavirus Covid-19.

2. The validity of all seafarers' documents (certificate of competency/certificate of proficiency/seamen's book) which are set to expire by 1st September 2020, are automatically extended for 6 months. No application by the individual seafarer is needed for this purpose.

3. All medical certificates which have expired after 1st January 2020 of seafarers currently serving on-board vessels shall be automatically extended by 6 months. No application by the individual seafarer is needed for this purpose.

4. Seafarers, whose certificates of competency or proficiency are expiring during the period of limitations set up in connection with COVID-19 and were registered or will register for relevant courses needed to renew their certificates in the training centers authorized by the Agency, which were not provided nor they will be held due to limitations caused by COVID-19, can submit an application for renewal of certificates starting from 22 April 2020. The Agency shall issue relevant certificates to such seafarers subject to the fulfillment of other requirements prescribed by Georgian legislation. Seafarers to be able to use this right shall present proof of registration on appropriate training courses in appropriate training center. Administrative letter, which will be issued on such certificates, shall set obligation, that management/operational level seafarers and support level seafarers in 6 and 9 months respectively shall pass relevant training course. After the expiry date, in case of failure to undergo the training, the issued certificate shall be suspended. Taking into account maritime safety issues, the conditions set up by the previous paragraph do not concern seafarers, whose certification to respective position is done for the first time.

5. In case of need, the Seafarers' Department of the Agency shall be responsible to issue relevant notice in accordance of this article.

Article 2. Notification of International Organizations

This order shall be communicated to Member States of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with the assistance of the IMO secretariat.