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All Georgian Seafarers, Ship owners, Shipping Companies, Port
State Control and Flag State Authorities, Manning/Crewing
Agencies and Other Individuals Concerned

Subject: Extension of validity of STCW Certificates of Georgian Seafarers onboard Ships affected by 2019 Novel Coronavirus – COVID-19

Reference: Order N01 of the Director of Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia, Dated 12 Mar 2020 on the “Approval of Measures in Response to COVID-19 within the Georgian System of Seafarers Certification”

Taking into consideration that there might be Georgian Seafarers who are currently serving onboard ships engaged in the international trade and whose Seafarers Identity Document or STCW Certificate/s may expire on board because their planned disembarkation cannot be safely completed in ports affected by the rising tension in worldwide and the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus – COVID19, **or**

Whose Seafarers Identity Document or STCW Certificate/s shall expire onboard during the period of their voyage to and from the next convenient port where disembarkation of concerned Seafarer can be safely carried out

Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia may grant extension for the validity of their certificate/s for a period not exceeding **three** months from the date of expiry of the Seafarers Identity Document or certificate to be renewed/revalidated subject to the following conditions:

1. The concerned manning/Crewing Agencies and Shipping Companies shall send an application for the extension of validity, provided that:
2. The following requirements shall be submitted/presented:
 - 2.1. Letter request from the vessel owner/principal or Crewing Agent stating the reason for the extension
 - 2.2. Written statement or official issuance from the port or immigration Authority that disembarkation is not permitted due to the prevailing circumstances
 - 2.3. Copy of valid employment contract.

Director

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