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**Ministry of Sea,
Transport and Infrastructure**



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**Subject: GUIDELINES FOR ADOPTION OF EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES
RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**
- **URGENT MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**
- **ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF SEAFARERS
CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS**
- **ver. 3.**

Due to the extraordinary situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia has decided to adopt additional measures for seafarers who were not able to revalidate all the documents required for service on board ships.

So far, the Ministry has issued two Guidelines for general extension of seafarers certificates and documents and these Guidelines are no longer applicable for certificates and documents that are issued with validity on or after 19 September 2020.

Taking into account that there are still more than hundred seafarers holding Croatian certificates and documents that are due to expire by 31 December 2020, and who were unable to be repatriated to Croatia in order to revalidate their certificates and documents due to imposed restrictions and lockdown measures, the Ministry adopted the following amendments to the Guidelines:

- for seafarers holding certificates and documents that are issued with validity on or after 19 September 2020 **who have not been disembarked in order to be able to revalidate certificates and documents starting from 18 March 2020**, the certificates and documents are granted a general extension validity until 31 December 2020.

The individual seafarer will not be required to submit an application.
Such an extension does not require any separate official confirmation.

- for seafarers holding certificates and documents that are issued with validity on or after 19 September 2020 **who have been disembarked at least once with ability to revalidate certificates and documents starting from 18 March 2020**, the certificates and documents shall remain valid only until the date of validity specified on that certificate or document.

Measures adopted by previous two Guidelines shall remain valid and applicable only for those seafarers holding certificates and documents that are issued with validity until 18

September 2020 where these certificates and documents are granted a general extension validity of up to 3 (three) months from the date of validity of that certificate and document.

The Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia will notify all interested organizations (IMO, ILO, European Commission and others) on the above adopted measures.

These Guidelines will be also published on official Ministry's website: www.mmpi.hr.

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