To: All IMO Members
    Intergovernmental organizations
    Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has sent the attached communication, received on 24 August 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Marine Instruction (8/2021)

Further Extension of validity of the STCW Certificates of Myanmar seafarers serving onboard
during the COVID-19 pandemic

Applicable to: Myanmar Seafarers, Ship Owners, Shipping Companies, Port State Control,
Flag State Authorities, Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services (SRPS)
and other individuals concerned

Reference: IMO Circular No. 4204/Add.5/ Rev.1 on 2 April 2020

Summary

This document provides the information relating to further extension of validity of the STCW
certificates for Myanmar seafarers, currently serving onboard engaged, who are affected by the
challenges caused by COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent outbreak worldwide that has
impacted on essential seafarer training and certification services.

1. The Department of Marine Administration (DMA) is fully aware of that the COVID-19
pandemic has significant impacts on seafarers and the entire global shipping industry. Ongoing
COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the governments around the world have created significant hurdles
to crew changes and repatriation of seafarers, as well as the current disruption still persists, and
therefore, numbers of Myanmar seafarers are necessary to extend their certificates.

2. Impacts of COVID 19 pandemic have triggered the closure of Maritime Training Centres
(MTCs), and therefore, the DMA has permitted the MTCs to conduct online courses for revalidation
of CoCs and CoPs in order to facilitate seafarers to join ships with valid certificates.

3. The validity of STCW certificates of Myanmar seafarers who are currently serving ONBOARD
and engaged on international voyages and near-costal voyages, that are expiring between the period of
1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 shall be extended to 31 March 2022 without need to submit
application at the DMA.
4. Notwithstanding this extension, all Myanmar seafarers ASHORE are strongly encouraged to apply for revalidation of their CoCs and CoPs upon the completion of online courses or practical trainings for revalidation at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the stipulated requirements for revalidation of respective certificates.

5. This Marine Instruction comes into force on the date of issue, and Marine Instructions (2/2021) and (6/2021) are revoked.

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