Circular Letter No.4380/Add.2
15 November 2021

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

Subject:  Communication from the Government of the State of Libya

The Government of the State of Libya sent the attached communication, dated 15 November 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Date: 15/11/2021

TO: The Secretary-General  
The International Maritime Organization (IMO)  
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Subject: Updating the measures adopted by (LMA) to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19

Dear Secretary-General,

Libyan Maritime Authority (LMA) wishes to take this opportunity to present its complements to the Secretary-General and to all personnel at IMO and has the honour to transmit the updated measures which have been implemented by Libyan Maritime Authority (LMA) to mitigate the impact of the outbreak and the worldwide spread of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Maritime Sector (previous measures were circulated by IMO through circular No. 4380/ add 1).

LMA kindly requests IMO to circulate the attached annex to this communication to all IMO Member States so as to note the contained information.

Finally, LMA avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of IMO the assurances of its highest consideration.

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President of Libyan Ports & Maritime Authority
Circular No. ( 03/2021 )
Date: 19/09/2021

TO : Flag States, Port States, Shipowners, Operators, Masters, Crews and ROs

Subject: Further Extension of the (STCW) Certificates and associated Endorsements.

Due to the ongoing severity of COVID-19 Pandemic and the unresolved difficulties encountered by the seafarers concerning the revalidation of the STCW Certificates and also the challenges relating to repatriation of seafarers, therefore Libyan Ports & Maritime Transport Authority (LP&MTA) has decided to grant further extension of the (STCW) certificates and associated endorsements.

Extension of STCW Certificates

STCW Certificates including Certificates of Competency (COCs), Certificates of proficiency (COPs), a Certificates of ratings, a GMDSS radio operator certificates, a certificate of safety or a certificate of marine cook which expire on after 01 October 2021 are automatically extended until 31 December 2021.

Extension of Endorsements

Endorsements issued by (LP&MTA) for foreign seafarers currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships with their endorsements and certificates expiring on after 01 October 2021, their endorsements are automatically extended for a period as prescribed by the issuing Government provided that these extensions do not exceed the date 31 December 2021.

Extension of Certificates of Medical Fitness

All Libyan seafarers who are currently ashore and intend to serve on board Libyan flagged ships on after 01 October 2021 are required to hold valid Certificates of Medical Fitness since the recognized Medical Centers are currently facilitating the conduction of medical examination for seafarers.
2. Seafarers who are currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships with their certificates expiring on / after 01 October 2021, (LP&MTA) has decided to grant extension of the Certificates of Medical Fitness up to (3) months commencing from the expiry date.

3. Foreign seafarers who are currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships with their certificates expiring on/after 01 October 2021 (LP&MTA) will refer to the instructions of their Flag Administrations concerning the extensions of Certificates of Medical Fitness provided that the extensions do not exceed (3) months.

Extension of Seafarers’ Documents

Libyan Seafarers who are currently serving on board Libyan flagged ships whose Seaman’s Books expiring on/after 01 October 2021, the validity of these documents are automatically extended until 31 December 2021.

The extensions granted under this Circular do not need any approval from (LP&MTA) or any application by seafarers and do not require any issuance of new certificates.

Ship Masters are required to carry copies of this Circular on board their ships and to be readily kept for presentation to Port State Officials at foreign ports.

Should you require any further assistance or information, please contact LP&MTA through the following E-mail :
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