To,
OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS (DCS), COMPANY SECURITY OFFICERS (CSOS),
MASTERS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (ROS), PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES (PSCS)

SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – GUIDANCE RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF
SEAFARERS

REFERENCE: IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5

This Administration taking into consideration the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the
latest IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5 – herewith attached - understands the posed
challenge to allow the continued training of seafarers, revalidate certificates (including
medical certificates) and issuance of endorsements attesting recognition of certificates in
accordance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

This Administration takes a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension
of the above-mentioned certificates and endorsements, as strictly necessary.

Port State Control Authorities are also encouraged to take a pragmatic and practical
approach in relation to these certificate and endorsement extensions, and their acceptance
in the exercise of control procedures in accordance with article X (Control) and regulation
I/4 (Control procedures) of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended.

Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department
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We take this opportunity to reassure that human life, marine environment and property are
always considered as a priority for the Maritime Administration of Comoros which is
committed to the safety of the maritime industry and the users around the world.

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Registrar

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