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DGS Order 33 of 2020

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Subject: Extension of Certificates of Competency / Certificate of Proficiency for seafarers- reg.

- 1. Whereas vide DGS Order 26 of 2020, the Director General of Shipping in exercise of its Powers under Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 granted deemed extension of CoC/CoP till 31.12.2021 or for one-contact, which-ever comes first provided that no extension has been availed by Masters, officers and rating under previous orders / SoPs issued by this Directorate and the said seafarer meet the following conditions:
 - 1.1. Masters and officers who have joined / shall join ship on/prior to 3l October 2020 provided they demonstrate continuous professional competence as per Annex I (attached to said Order) from the date of their joining.
 - 1.2. Ratings who have joined / shall join ships on/prior to 31 December 2020 provided they demonstrate continuous professional competence as per Annex I (attached to said Order) from the date of their joining.
- 2. Whereas the Directorate has now received request from INSA, FOSMA and MASSA requesting to grant further extension to Master & Officers by one month i.e., from the existing cut off date of 31.10.2020 until 30 November 2020. The reason being continuation of back-log in CoC/CoP re-validation.
- 3. Noting that the Directorate allowed Maritime Training Institutes to start conducting the STCW courses required for re-validation via the three-tier mechanism of training comprising of E-Learning, Virtual Classes & Exit Exam vide DGS Order 20 of 2020 dated 03.08.2020 and there has been more than 36,000 Exit Exam test appearance till 31 October 2020.

4. Also noting the request received from various Ship-Owners associations and taking into consideration the extra effort required by ship owners/managers in placing seafarer on board ships in these times of travel restriction and any delay caused due to seafarer awaiting to complete mandatory STCW Courses required for revalidation may result in duplication of this effort, the Directorate hereby replaces only Paragraph 8.1 DGS Order 26 of 2020 by the following paragraph, all other conditions stated in DGS Order 26 of 2020 remains unchanged:

"Masters and officers who have joined / shall join ship on/prior to 30 November 2020 provided they demonstrate continuous professional competence as per Annex I (attached to said DGS Order 26 of 2020) from the date of their joining".

(Amitabh Kumar) (1000

Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Government of India