



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear All,

Please find below an extract of the Order 127 dated 07 April 2020 of the Executive Director of the Bulgarian Maritime Administration (BMA) concerning the extension of the seafarer's certificates issued by the BMA which will board the vessels resulting the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

I. Seafarers holding Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) for special and additional training, issued by the Bulgarian Maritime Administration, which expires by 30 June 2020 and refresher courses are required for their renewal, **are extended until the end of calendar year 2020**, proceeding as follows:

1. The verification carried out by officials of the Bulgarian Maritime Administration has shown that the seafarer concerned has continued professional competence in accordance with Regulation I/11, para 1.2 of the Annex of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended, by one of the methods listed in Section A- I/11 of the STCW Code with respect to the required seagoing service.

2. The seafarer shall be issued an individual letter of extension signed electronically by the officials authorized by me, in accordance with the Annex 1, for the extension of the validity of the relevant certificate/certificates until the end of the 2020 without passing the required refresher courses.

II. The Bulgarian Maritime Administration is ready to send confirmation of requests for verification for the authenticity and validity of the seafarer's certificates issued, as well as to the individual letters issued under item I to bma@marad.bg or verification@marad.bg.

Capt. Zhivko Petrov,
Executive Director of
Executive Agency "Maritime Administration"

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The Bulgarian Maritime Administration certifies that Mr./Mrs...(names)....., the lawful holder of the certificate.....(name of the certificate/certificates)....№..... has established continued professional competence in accordance with provisions of Regulation I/11, para.1.2 of the STCW Convention, as amended, and Section A-I/11 of the STCW Code. The validity of the above mentioned certificate/certificates is/are hereby extended until 31 December 2020 in accordance with the Order № 127 of the Executive Director of the Bulgarian Maritime Administration properly circulated to the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization taking into account the recommendations of the Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5/Rev.1 dated 2 April 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

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Signature of the duly authorized official

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Name of the duly authorized official

Date.....2020

Note: For checking the authenticity and validity of this letter please contact the Bulgarian Maritime Administration on the following e-mails: bma@marad.bg or verification@marad.bg