Circular Letter No.4231/Add.23
1 October 2021

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

Subject: Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy

The Government of the Republic of Italy has sent the attached communication, dated 30 September 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Subject: Measures to Address Covid-19 – last term to the extension of the two-year seafarer medical examinations – update.

Dear Secretary-General Lim,

The government of Italy presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and is honoured to take this opportunity to commend you for the diligent and timely work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this regard, with reference to Circular Letter No.4231/add.22 dated 10th August 2021, in which Italy informed member states about the extension of the two-year medical certification currently in place, I am pleased to inform you that, considering the current status of the pandemic, the above extension is postponed to 31st October 2021 limited to seafarers who were embarked on or before 17th September 2021 and to 31st December 2021 limited to seafarers currently embarked on units carrying out long-distance navigation, whose two-year medical certification has expired during embarkation.

In light of the above, I kindly ask the Secretariat to have this information circulated to all member states of the IMO.

The Italian government avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

(digitally signed)
The General Director
Dr Giovanni REZZA

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