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To: All IMO Members  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Union  
of Myanmar**

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has sent the attached communication, dated 5 November 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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To

His Excellency Mr. Kitack Lim  
Secretary General  
International Maritime Organization  
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United Kingdom

**Subject: Further Extension of the validity of the certificates of Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages and near coastal voyages during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Your Excellency,

The Department of Marine Administration under the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar would like to extend its greetings to the Secretary General and Secretariat, and express our appreciation to the International Maritime Organization for continuously ensuring strong coordination between IMO Member States amidst this COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still posing a significant challenge to the entire global shipping industry.

In this regard, the Department of Marine Administration is pleased to forward Marine Instruction (10/2021) regarding the further Extension of the validity of certificates of Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages and near coastal voyages during the COVID-19 pandemic issued by our Department dated on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

It would be highly appreciable if you could circulate the enclosed document to all IMO Member States and relevant stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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**Marine Instruction (10/2021)**

**Extending the validity of the certificates of Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages and near coastal voyages during the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Applicable to: Shipowners, Operators, Managers, Masters and Officers of Myanmar registered vessels and Recognized Organizations**

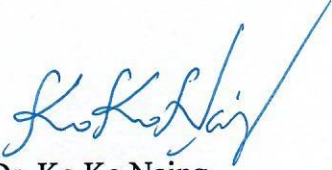
**Summary**

*This Marine Instruction is issued by the Department of Marine Administration to allow the extension of the validity of Myanmar registered vessels' certificates which expire between 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021.*

1. The Department of Marine Administration is fully aware of that the COVID-19 pandemic has significant impacts on the entire global shipping industry. Ongoing COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the governments among the world have created significant hurdles on ship owner, ship operators, ship management companies and Recognized Organizations to arrange the necessary surveys, audits, inspection and dry docking for Myanmar registered vessels, as well as the current disruption still persists, and therefore, numbers of Myanmar registered vessels are necessary to extend their certificates.
2. The validity of the certificates of Myanmar registered vessels trading in international voyages and near coastal voyages that are expiring between the period of 1 July 2021 to 31 December, 2021 shall be extended for a period of three months by complying with the requirements provided in Marine Guidance (2/2021).
3. The validity of the certificates which had been extended for three months as statutory maximum in accordance with the provisions of Marine Guidance (1/2020), (3/2020), (8/2020) and Marine Instruction (1/2021) shall be further extended for a period of three months from the date of expiry by complying with the requirements provided in Marine Guidance (3/2021).
4. In all cases, the Recognized Organizations (RO) must maintain a record of ships receiving extensions to survey or certificates and ensure that the DMA is kept informed about the ongoing

status. If the RO has a proposal other than the above description, it will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the DMA.

5. The existing Marine Instruction (1/2021) issued on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 is replaced by this Marine Instruction.



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