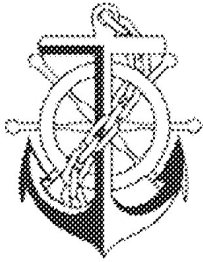

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To: All IMO Members
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has sent the attached communication, dated 1 August 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



In The Name Of God
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H.E. Mr. Kitack Lim

Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Subject: Procedure for Extending or Endorsing Certificates or Postponing Statutory Surveys for Vessels Operating under the Flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran

His Excellency,

This is to refer to the Circular letter 4204/Add.19/Rev.2 dated 22 July 2020 , as well as the Circular Letter 4216/Add.2 dated 01 June 2020 , providing the communication by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran , and hereby provide you with the attached " Procedure for Extending or Endorsing Certificates or postponing Statutory Surveys for Vessels operating under the Flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran".

I would like to ask the Secretariat to kindly have this Procedure communicated to all Member States of IMO.

I appreciate your valuable attention and efforts in advance.

Sincerely yours,

M. Rastad

Deputy Minister of Roads and Urban Development and
Managing Director
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**Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO)
Directorate General for Maritime Affairs**

**Procedure for Extending or Endorsing Certificates
or Postponing Statutory Surveys
for Vessels Operating under the Flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Considering the Circular Letter 4204/Add.19/Rev.2 of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) dated 22 July 2020, in order to control the spread of the COVID-19 in the year 2020, postponement in the provision of services related to surveying vessels, issuing technical and safety certificates as per the provisions of international conventions and national legislations, and extending the validity of such certificates for vessels operating under the flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran, this procedure has been developed and communicated to provide the conditions for extension or endorsement of certificates or postponement of statutory surveys for the Iranian flagged vessels in the framework of the aforementioned circular letter. The graphic presentation of this procedure is provided in the Annex.

1. Survey by Other Classification Societies

In cases where during the issuance or extension of technical and safety certificates for vessels, other classification societies in contract with the relevant classification society are authorized to conduct surveys, it is required that all statutory surveys be conducted in full for each vessel, under the provisions of international conventions and national legislations.

2. Considering Technical History & Records of Vessels

If the assessment of the technical records and information of the vessel in the flag/port State control inspection, records of previous conditions of surveys by the classification society, current conditions of the classification society or the like points to significant concerns about safety, navigation limitations, repairs for the vessel or threat of marine pollution, the relevant classification society shall conduct the periodical surveys of the vessel according to the appointed schedule, with priority for safety aspects. In such cases, extension or endorsement of statutory certificates, or postponement of surveys is not possible.

If the technical records and information of the vessel do not entail excessive concerns about safety, navigation limitations, repairs for the vessel or threat of pollution for the marine environment, it is permissible for the relevant classification society to extend or endorse statutory certificates, or postpone surveys of the vessel up to 30 September 2020, after informing the Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) of the qualification of the vessel and seeking the approval of that administration. The classification society shall inform the qualification of the vessel to the registering authority, through providing the following documentation:

1. Evidence of risk assessment, commensurate with certificate extension or survey postponement for the specified duration;
2. Objective evidence and documents obtained during the initial assessment of the technical records and information of the vessel, and commencement of the survey process in the procedures of the classification society;

3. Technical recommendations and conditions for maintenance requirements for the specified duration for certificate extension or survey postponement for the vessel, in due consideration of the objective evidence and documents obtained during the initial assessment; and
4. Recommendation on how the control measures are to be applied to the operation of the vessel for the specified duration for certificate extension or survey postponement.

3. Seeking Approval of Maritime Administration

Temporary approval of the qualification of a vessel for certificate extension or survey postponement is possible by the Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO), only upon the receipt of the documentation specified in Article 3 above.

4. Using Assessment Requirements Based on Approved Survey Methods

Documents and evidence obtained, documentation of the risk assessment and technical conditions, along with the recommendation on how the control measures are to be applied to the operation of the vessel for the specified duration until the physical survey and the approval of the Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) shall be maintained on board the vessel, for future external audits.

5. Vessel Survey Schedule

The classification society shall take the required measures to arrange the schedule for statutory surveys, expiry of technical and safety certificates, and dry dock appointments of vessels owned by natural or legal persons in a manner that the operation of their maritime fleet is not unduly delayed due to survey, and their dry dock appointments is determined as per the capacity of the relevant dry docks.

Certificate Extension/Endorsement or Postponement of Statutory Surveys for Vessels

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