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Circular Letter No.4216/Add.4
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To: All IMO Members
Intergovernmental organizations
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran sent the attached communication, dated 23 September 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



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Ministry of Road & Urban Development
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H.E. Mr. Kitack Lim
Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Subject: Procedure for Extending or Endorsing Certificates or Endorsing Certificates or Postponing Statutory Surveys for Vessels Operating under the Flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran -Revision 1

His Excellency,

This is to refer to the Circular Letter 4216/Add.3 dated 03 August 2020 and the previous addenda thereto, 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 - Revision 1".

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,

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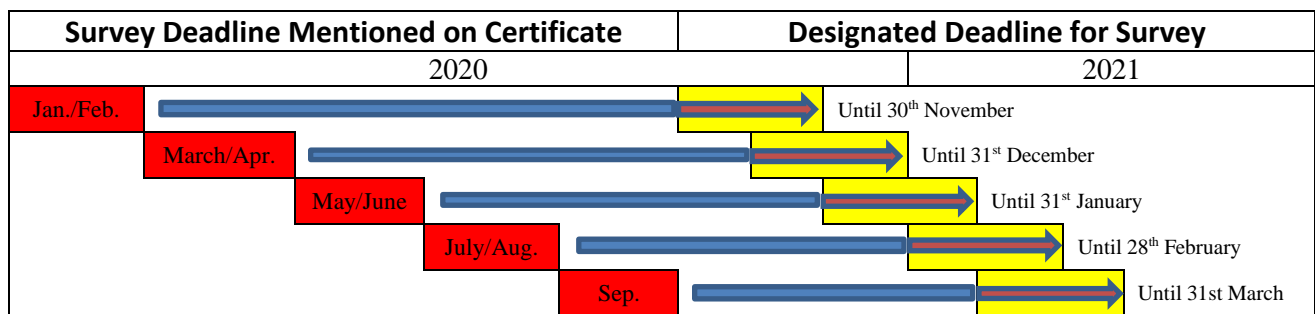
**Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO)
Directorate General for Maritime Affairs**

**Procedure for Extending or Endorsing Certificates
or Postponing Statutory Surveys
for Vessels Operating under the Flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran
19 September 2020**

Flag State Survey and Statutory Certification

Considering the extension of the validity of statutory certificates for vessels in the past months as a result of the limitations imposed by the spread of the COVID-19, and pursuant to the considerations of the Ports and Maritime Organization (PMO) of the conditions of vessels, all surveyors and classification societies should conduct surveys of such certificates in accordance with the following timetable, based on the validity dates of the mentioned certificates.

No.	Survey Deadline Mentioned on Certificate	Designated Deadline for Survey
1	January/February 2020	Until 30 th November 2020
2	March/April 2020	Until 31 st December 2020
3	May/June 2020	Until 31 st January 2021
4	July/August 2020	Until 28 th February 2021
5	September 2020	Until 31 st March 2021



Seafarers' Certification

In accordance to circular No. 4216 dated 05.05.2020 concerning the extension of the seafarers' certificates, it should be further noted that for ensuring the well-being of seafarers and providing for crew change during this time, all seafarers' certificates (including the CoCs, CoPs, medical certificates, and the like) expiring within the period starting from the onset of COVID-19 Pandemic until 20 March 2021, will still be considered as valid until 20 March 2021.

Further Requirements

The following requirements should be considered in this respect:

- Previous certificates issued by PMO/classification societies may be extended temporarily until the relevant deadlines.

- Surveys/Audits should be scheduled in a manner that prevents leaving the bulk of surveys for the end of the two-month periods, and the resulting consequences.
- Upon the owner's request, surveys/Audits may be conducted before the period designated in the above table.
- For all vessels with extended certificates, ISPS audits and MLC inspection and company (DOC) audits should be conducted within three months, until 31st December 2020.
- Ship SMC audits for all vessels with extended certificates, vessels should be conducted within one month after the deadlines mentioned in the above table.
- Special cases should be considered and decided by PMO, upon the request by the owner/classification society of the vessel.
- The extended period should be deducted from the five-year validity period of new certificates (if issued) or the next survey/audit deadlines, in a manner that the HSSC system is maintained for the vessel.
- In any case, the new certificates (if issued) should not be valid for more than five years after the expiry of the previous certificates.
- Owners, managers and masters of vessels should provide the required conditions for surveys to be conducted in compliance with relevant health protocols pertaining to COVID-19, issued by WHO, IMO and the like.
- Surveyors should observe the relevant health protocols pertaining to COVID-19 at all times during the survey procedure.