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

Subject: **Communication from Romania**

The Government of Romania has sent the attached communication, dated 29 December 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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To: **THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION**

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Dear Secretary General,

In order to facilitate crew changes as well as to ensure the continuity of maritime services in this exceptional situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, please be informed that the Romanian Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communication has decided to update the measures in relation to the certification of seafarers. These measures have been issued with our enclosed letter.

These measures are also published on the official website of the Romanian Naval Authority ([www.rna.ro](http://www.rna.ro)).

The Romanian Administration would appreciate that you circulate this document to IMO Member States and interested parties.

Romanian Naval Authority avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

**GENERAL DIRECTOR**  
**Cpt. COSMIN-LAURENTIU DUMITRACHE**



**Head of Safety of Navigation,  
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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Due to the extraordinary situation created by SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus crisis and in order to facilitate crew changes as well to ensure the continuity of maritime services, the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications updated measures regarding extension of validity of documents as follows:

**1. EXTENSION OF DOCUMENTS VALIDITY FOR SEAFARERS WHICH ARE ON BOARD OF VESSELS**

- 1.1 Certificates of competency and certificates of proficiency which will expire during seagoing service are accepted with a general extended validity until 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021;
- 1.2 Medical certificates and seaman's books which will expire during seagoing service are accepted with a general extended validity until 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021;
- 1.3 Endorsements issued by the RNA confirming or recognizing a certificate of competency/ certificate of proficiency which will expire during seagoing service are accepted with a general extended validity until 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021;

**2. Contact for additional information**

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following e-mail address: [rna@rna.ro](mailto:rna@rna.ro) .

**GENERAL DIRECTOR**  
**COSMIN-LAURENȚIU DUMITRACHE**

