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Circular Letter No.4274  
23 April 2020

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

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Cabo Verde**

The Government of the Republic of Cabo Verde has sent the attached communication, dated 22 April 2020, with the request that it is circulated by the Organization.

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**To the International Maritime Organization**  
**Att: Secretary-General**  
**Mr. Kitack Lim**

London - United Kingdom

N/Refª N° 127/CD.IMP/2020

S. Vicente, 22 of April 2020

**Matter:** Cape Verde measures in relation to the Covid-19 outbreak

The Board of Directors of the Maritime Port Institute – IMP (Cabo Verde Maritime Administration) presents his compliments to the IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Kitack Lim and is pleased to bring it to your attention the measures being undertaken by the Maritime Authority of Cape Verde following the restrictions imposed by the Covid – 19 on the Maritime Industry.

The attached documents demonstrate that Cabo Verde has therefore issued a circular containing policies and guidelines for adoption of extraordinary measures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, to owners, bareboat charterers, managers and representatives of ships flying the Cabo-verdian flag.

With the reference of the invitation contained in the IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5, we would be most grateful if the Secretariat could circulate this information to all IMO Member States.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurance of our highest consideration.

By the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JH de Carvalho', is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.



Joana Helena de Moraes de Carvalho  
President

**CABO VERDE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**

**CIRCULAR LETTER No 06/CD.IMP/2020**

S. Vicente, 21 of april 2020

**Recipients:** Owners, Shipowners, Operators, Shipping Agents, Classification Societies, RO, RSO, Maritime Policy.

***SUBJECT:*** Guidelines for adoption of extraordinary measures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, to owners, bareboat charterers, managers and representatives of ships flying the Cabo-verdian flag

*In view of the exceptional and temporary measures adopted by the Cabo Verde Government concerning the epidemiological situation related to Coronavirus - COVID 19 and the constraints of Cabo-verdian flagged ships to develop normal shipping activity, the Instituto Marítimo Portuário – IMP, Cabo Verde Maritime Administration has decided to adopt the following exceptional measures related to ships and companies certification under SOLAS, MARPOL, LOAD LINES and MLC Conventions, as amended, as well as the one related to ships under the scope of national legislation:*

## **I. STATUTORY CERTIFICATION OF SHIPS AND COMPANIES**

*Whenever, and concerning to statutory certification, the maintenance of its validity (surveys and/or annual/intermediate audits within the window as defined on national legislation, IMO/ILO Conventions) or renewal (surveys and/or audits within the window as defined on national regulation and IMO/ILO Conventions) cannot be ensured due to the constraints caused by COVID-19, namely by:*

- a) impossibility of IMP, Recognized Organizations (RO) or Recognized Security Organizations (RSO)'s staff to get on board;*
- b) impossibility of conducting/completing surveys/audits/verifications /repairs which contribute to the maintenance/renewal of the concerned certification, including internal audits and surveys/tests/verifications/repairs of auxiliary navigation equipment, life-saving appliances, fire-fighting, etc.;*
- c) impossibility of dry docking due to the unavailability of shipyard's stoppage/constraints caused by COVID-19.*

*RO's, RSO's and Companies, depending on the situation concerned, shall contact IMP through the following e-mail addresses:*

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[armindo.graca@imp.cv](mailto:armindo.graca@imp.cv)

Cc: / Cc:

[manuel.vicente@imp.cv](mailto:manuel.vicente@imp.cv)

*reporting the concrete situation including:*

- a) *description of the difficulties found when conducting/completing surveys/audits/verifications /repairs;*
- b) *evidences related to constraints in conducting/completing surveys/audits/verifications /repairs;*
- c) *evidences of previous planning (including dry-dock booking, in the case of shipyards);*
- d) *company/ship implemented plan to return to statutory certification's normality;*
- e) *RO/RSO action plan proposed to be developed.*

*Requests will be considered by IMP in light of the justification given, in order to grant an extent up to 3 months of the deadlines in question.*

## **II. CERTIFICATION OF SHIPS AND CRAFT NOT CERTIFIED ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

*To ships which are not certified according to International Conventions and whose certification is issued by IMP or RO's, the procedures described in point I. are applied, with the necessary adaptations. In this situation are fishing ships with a length of 24m or more, cargo ships and/or passenger ships of in domestic voyages, as well as tugboats and auxiliary "auxiliar" vessels/crafts.*

## **III. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following e-mail addresses:*

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*These Guidelines will be published on the official IMP website.* [www.imp.cv](http://www.imp.cv)

*By the BD*



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Joana H. de Carvalho  
*President*