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To: All IMO Member  
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Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy**

The Government of the Republic of Italy has sent the attached communication, dated 30 April 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Ministry of Health

*Directorate General for Health Prevention*

30 April 2020

Circular Letter

Object: Covid-19 emergency - Extension of Medical First Aid and Medical Care certificates and medical examination certificates.

In view of the ongoing pandemic and the need to ensure the protection of public health, as provided for in Decree Law No. 18 (the so-called "Cura Italia" law), in particular with regard to article 103, paragraph 2, as reformulated by the Conversion Law approved on 24 April 2020 "all certificates ... expiring between 31 January and 31 July 2020 will remain valid for ninety days following the declaration of cessation of the state of emergency" and following the provisions of Circular no. 0010389 of 25 March 2020, ref. 0010389, please note the following:

- The "Medical First Aid" and "Medical Care" training certificates are further extended until further indications are given regarding the cessation of the state of emergency.
- On the basis of clarifications provided by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with respect to all STCW certificates, the validity of the medical examination certificates (normally valid for two years) is extended until further indications are given regarding the cessation of the state of emergency.
- The validity of the pre-boarding medical examination (carried out outside Italy), referred to in Art. 323 of the Italian Navigation Code, is extended from 10 to 15 days, in order to facilitate the necessary crew changes abroad in the near future.

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