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Circular Letter No.4235/Add.4  
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To: All IMO Member  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

**Subject: Communication from the Government of the Federal Democratic  
Republic of Ethiopia**

The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has sent the attached communication, dated 20 August 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**TO: International Maritime Organization  
London, United Kingdom**

**Member States and**

**Whom It May Concern**

**Subject: Extension of Certificates and Seafarer books due to COVID 19**

**Dear Sirs,**

The Ethiopian Maritime Affairs Authority (EMAA) presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and all Member States.

Based on the guidance of the IMO related to certification of seafarers in circular letter No. 4204/Add.5, dated 17 March 2020, the Ethiopian Maritime Affairs Authority Considered the current situation of the pandemic and hereby granted a further six months extension on the validity of the Certificates and Documents issued by this Authority to the new maximum date **01 March 2021** without the individual seafarer submitting an application.

This circular applies to Certificates of Competency, Certificate of Endorsement, Certificates of Proficiency, Medical Certificates, and Seafarer Books. Hence, we request all concerned parties to kindly observe and support the certificate holders.

For urgent matters and any inquiry, EMAA may be contacted on the below telephone and email addresses.

EMAA avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IMO and the Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mekonnen Abera  
Director General



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