



Technical Circular

No.: 053/2020

Date: 15th April 2020

Subject: DGS Order No. 10 of 2020 Reg Extension of the validity of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) in view of COVID-19 outbreak

1. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Administration vide attached DGS Order No. 10 of 2020 has advised that the validity of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) , expiry date of which is falling during 1st February 2020 to 1st October 2020 (both dates inclusive) **is extended for a period of 6 (six) months.**
2. There would be no requirement for any endorsement in the respective CDCs for the above mentioned relaxation. However, once the above situation becomes normal, seafarers are required to apply for revalidation of such CDCs as per prevailing procedure and such CDCs will be revalidated for further period by the Shipping Masters from the date of expiry printed in the CDCs.
3. Ship owners/ operators and masters of Indian flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure: DGS Order No. 10 of 2020, dated 13 April 2020

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The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a global crisis which has impacted all aspects of life and badly affected the world of work. In the maritime sector, it has severely disrupted the functioning of shipping and affected the work of nearly 2 million seafarers worldwide.

2. The outbreak of COVID-19 has meant that the shipping industry and maritime authorities are facing challenges. This also includes conduct of the maritime training courses under STCW including courses relevant to revalidation of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) required in accordance with Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 2017.

3. In view of the difficulties being faced by the seafarers it is decided that the validity of CDC, expiry date of which is falling during 1st February, 2020 to 1st October, 2020 (both dates inclusive) is extended for a period of 6 (six) months.

4. There would be no requirement for any endorsement in the respective CDCs for the above said relaxation. However, once the said situation become normal, seafarers shall apply for revalidation of such CDCs as per prevailing procedure and such CDCs shall be revalidated for further period by the Shipping Masters from the date of expiry printed in the CDCs.

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