



Technical Circular

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Subject: Georgia Maritime Circular No. 18/CIRC/STCW Reg Interim Measures in respect of Seafarer's Certification and Training due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic

1. The Maritime Administration of Georgia vide Circular No. 18/CIRC/STCW has adopted following interim measures relating to the seafarer's certification and training system in view of outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.
 - a. The validity of all seafarers' documents (certificate of competency/certificate of proficiency/ seamen's book) which are set to expire by 1st September 2020, **are automatically extended for 6 months**. No application by the individual seafarer is needed for this purpose.
 - b. All medical certificates which have expired after 1st January 2020 of seafarers currently serving on-board vessels are **automatically extended by 6 months**. No application by the individual seafarer is needed for this purpose.
 - c. Seafarers, whose certificates of competency or proficiency are expiring during the period of limitations set up in connection with COVID-19 and were registered or will register for relevant courses needed to renew their certificates in the training centres authorized by the Agency, which were not provided nor they will be held due to limitations caused by COVID-19, can submit an application for renewal of certificates starting from 22 April 2020.
 - d. The Agency will issue relevant certificates to such seafarers subject to the fulfilment of other requirements prescribed by Georgian legislation. Seafarers to be able to use this right will be required to present proof of registration on appropriate training courses in appropriate training center.
 - e. Administrative letter, which will be issued on such certificates, will set obligation, that management/operational level seafarers and support level seafarers in 6 and 9 months respectively, shall pass relevant training course. After the expiry date, in case of failure to undergo the training, the issued certificate will be suspended.
 - f. The conditions set up by the previous paragraph do not concern seafarers, whose certification to respective position is done for the first time.



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2. Ship owners/ operators and masters of Georgia flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure: Georgia Maritime Circular No. 18/CIRC/STCW, dated 08 April 2020.

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All Georgian Seafarers, Ship owners, Shipping Companies, Port
State Control and Flag State Authorities, Manning/Crewing
Agencies and Other Individuals Concerned

Subject: Certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers' certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19

Novel Coronavirus - COVID-19

Reference: Order N5 dated April 6 2020 "On certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers' certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19"

Taking into consideration the negative impact the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has had on shipping and especially on the seafaring community, Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia has adopted additional counter-measures to facilitate the work of Georgian-certified seafarers all over the world.

1. Maritime Transport Agency has adopted new measures in the Georgian seafarers' certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19:
 - 1.1. The validity of all seafarers' documents (certificate of competency/certificate of proficiency/ seamen's book) which are set to expire by 1st September 2020, are automatically extended for 6 months. No application by the individual seafarer is needed for this purpose.
 - 1.2. All medical certificates which have expired after 1st January 2020 of seafarers currently serving on-board vessels shall be automatically extended by 6 months. No application by the individual seafarer is needed for this purpose.
 - 1.3. Seafarers, whose certificates of competency or proficiency are expiring during the period of limitations set up in connection with COVID-19 and were registered or will register for relevant courses needed to renew their certificates in the training centers authorized by the Agency, which were not provided nor they will be held due to limitations caused by COVID-19, can submit an application for renewal of certificates starting from 22 April 2020.
 - 1.4. The Agency shall issue relevant certificates to such seafarers subject to the fulfillment of other requirements prescribed by Georgian legislation. Seafarers to be able to use this right shall present proof of registration on appropriate training courses in appropriate training center.
 - 1.5. Administrative letter, which will be issued on such certificates, shall set obligation, that management/operational level seafarers and support level seafarers in 6 and 9 months respectively shall pass relevant training course. After the expiry date, in case of failure to undergo the training, the issued certificate shall be suspended.
 - 1.6. Taking into account maritime safety issues, the conditions set up by the previous paragraph do not concern seafarers, whose certification to respective position is done for the first time.
2. Circular № 8/CIRC/STCW is repealed by this present circular.

Annex: Order N5 dated April 6 2020 “On certain measures to be taken in the Georgian seafarers’ certification and training system in connection of the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19” – 4 pages.

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