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To : All Turkish Seafarers, Ship owners, Shipping Companies,  
Port State Control and Flag State Authorities, Other Individuals Concerned

From : Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure  
Directorate General for Maritime Affairs

Extension of validity of Certificate of Competencies, STCW Certificates, Medical  
Certificates, Seaman's Books of Turkish Seafarers due to 2019 Novel Coronavirus

During COVID-19 situation, Turkish seafarers who  
are engaged in the international trade are facing challenges in  
meeting these challenges include the timely repatriation of  
seafarers in the seafarer's employment agreement,  
and to revalidate their expiring certificates etc.

Turkish Maritime Administration has taken actions to decrease the impact of the situation faced  
by Turkish seafarers and owners and operators to assist the industry in overcoming these  
challenges due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

In this context, the validity of the Turkish Seafarers Seaman's Books, Certificates of  
Competency (COC), Certificates of Registry (ROC/GOC/REO), STCW  
Certificates and Medical Fitness Certificates on board vessels are granted general extension of  
validity up to 23.09.2020 without any further application or approval

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