

## **Notice on Extension of Related Certificates of Chinese Flagged Ships Engaged In International Voyages**

In light of the latest development of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China issues the Notice on Extension of Related Certificates of Chinese Flagged Ships Engaged in International Voyages.

I. Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, the ship survey certificates, Safety Management Certificate (SMC), Document of Compliance (DOC) and International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) of Chinese flagged ships engaged in international voyages should not be extended automatically.

II. In special cases where it is impossible for the Chinese flagged ships engaged in international voyages to undergo surveys, audits or inspections due to COVID-19, the shipping companies and ships in question should submit a written application to the ship survey institution for extension of certificate. The application should be enclosed with the following information: an explanation for failure of arranging onboard survey (audit, inspection), follow-up survey (audit, inspection) arrangements and a statement from the captain proving the ship's condition is suitable for subsequent planned voyage. The ship survey institution may grant an extension for up to 3 months after confirming the information submitted by the shipping company. The anniversary date of the certificate remains unchanged after the extension.

III. The shipping companies should take the main responsibility for ship safety and arrange the annual survey, audit, and renewal of ship certificates as soon as possible. At the same time, the shipping companies and ships should strictly implement regular epidemic prevention and control measures and follow the safety management requirements to ensure safe navigation.

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