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**Ministry of Transport
of the Russian Federation
Deputy Minister of Transport**

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Additional urgent measures taken due
to the pandemic of coronavirus COVID-19

Information letter

Due to the current difficult epidemiologic situation in various regions of the world, related to the continuous outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and in order to ensure the uninterrupted operation of ships flying the State Flag of the Russian Federation, the Maritime Administration of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the Administration) hereby sets down the following amendment to the urgent measures, outlined in the Information letters of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation of 23 March 2020, ref. ЮЦ-Д5-25/4942 and of 15 May 2020, ref. ЮЦ-Д5-25/8839.

The present measures are to be applied only for cases of **force-majeure** due to COVID-19, if the validity of seafarers certificates has expired or is due to expire within the period until 20 September 2020 inclusive.

In case if a seafarer has no possibility to extend in due course the Certificates of Competence issued by the Administration as well as the endorsements in recognition of certificates issued by other Governments, Certificates of Proficiency, tanker endorsements (oil tankers, liquefied gas tankers, chemical tankers), certificates for ship's cooks or other documents issued in accordance with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW), due to limitations in respective constituent entities of the Russian Federation related to the work hours of the organizations and enterprises, or limitations by foreign States in terms of leaving or embarking the ship or travelling in the territory of those States, due to COVID-19, the validity of such documents is extended for three (3) months.

The insertion of additional entries related to the extension or re-issuance of documents are not required.

The Administration retains the right to change or cancel the above mentioned measures at any time depending on the how the situation with COVID-19 will be developing.

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