



PERMANENT REPRESENTATION  
OF ROMANIA  
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

No: 1834

Brussels, 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020

**Dear Ms Kopczynska,**

**Dear Ms. Markovčić Kostelac,**

Due to the extraordinary situation created by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus and taking note of the Decree signed by the President of Romania on establishing the state of emergency on the territory of Romania dated 16.03.2020, the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications adopted the following measures for the navigating personnel who are unable to extend the validity of the documents attesting the attainment of the competences necessary to perform functions on board the ships:

- 1.1 Certificates of Competency and Certificates of Proficiency which will expire before 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 are accepted with a general extended validity for a period of up to three (3) months, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020;
- 1.2 Medical fitness certificates and seaman's books which will expire before 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 are accepted with a general extended validity for a period of up to three (3) months, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020;
- 1.3 Endorsements confirming or recognizing a certificate of competency, certificate of proficiency, certificate of an approved training course and certificate of GMDSS radio operator which will expire before 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 have an extended validity for a period of three (3) months, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020;
- 1.4 Boatmaster certificates and certificates of capacity of inland waterways personnel which will expire before 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 are accepted with a general extended validity for a period of up to three (3) months, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020;

**Ms Magda Kopczynska, Director D – Waterborne, DG MOVE, European Commission**

**Ms Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director, EMSA**

**Cc: Permanent Representations of EU Member States**

1.5 Medical fitness certificates and service books for inland waterways personnel which will expire before 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 are accepted with a general extended validity for a period of up to three (3) months, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020;

1.6 Special certificates for inland waterways personnel which will expire before 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 are accepted with a general extended validity for a period of up to three (3) months, but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2020.

The individual seafarer will not be required to submit an application in order to extend the validity of the documents.

For further information you can contact the Romanian Naval Authority, e-mail: [rna@rna.ro](mailto:rna@rna.ro).

Yours sincerely,



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