



ZANZIBAR MARITIME AUTHORITY

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To Ship owners, Shipping Management Companies, Recognized Organizations, Shipping Agents, Ship Surveyors and Inspectors

Subject: TZIRS GUIDANCE ON MEASURES TO ASSIST ON IMPACT OF CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 ON SHIP OPERATIONS

1. Purpose

The Circular is intended to inform all relevant stakeholders on the current situation of Corona Virus Disease (CONV-19) and the temporary measures taken by Tanzania Zanzibar International Register of Shipping (TZIRS) to ship operations and crew on board.

2.0 Background

On January 31, 2020 IMO issued Circular letter No. 4202 to provide information and guidance on precautions to be taken to minimize risks to seafarers, passengers and others on board ships from the novel corona virus (COVID - 19). This information and guidance was based on recommendations issued by World Health Organization on 30 January 2020, when it declared the outbreak of Corona Virus to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

The IMO Circular was subsequently followed by several amendments made by IMO and other industry organizations to ensure the shipping industry is equipped with sound and workable measures to minimize difficulties would be caused by COVID-19 to shipping operations. Such amendments focused on different issues, including advice on the implementation and enforcement of IMO mandatory instruments, response to COVID-19 outbreak and its dissemination to shipping community, operational considerations for managing COVID -19 cases/outbreak on board ships and guidance to ship operators on protection of seafarers health.

In the light of the COVID-19 outbreak and its fast spread in world, coupled with underlying difficulties of travel restrictions and lockdown which would complicate ship operations and ships' crew, Zanzibar Maritime Authority has developed measures related to implementation and enforcement of IMO instruments due to this force majeure.

3.0 Temporary Measures

3.1 Mandatory surveys and audits

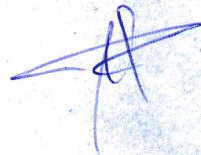
TZRS will grant extension on mandatory surveys and audits under SOLAS, MARPOL, LOAD LINE, ISM, ISPS, etc, up to 30 June, 2020 through the following procedures:

- (a) Ship-owners should submit their requests in writing to their Recognized Organizations in charge of mandatory certification for supporting the extension;
- (b) The Recognized Organizations should submit ship-owners' requests to the Administration only if their surveyors are unable to attend the ships due to current restrictions imposed to vessels by port authorities following COVID-19 outbreak;
- (c) The Recognized Organizations should prepare and submit to ship owners temporary measures based on their procedures and requirements to be followed on board in order to maintain ship safety during this period.
- (d) Ship-owners shall submit to the Administration a Self Inspection Checklist through their respective Recognized Organizations to prove their proper self inspection on board for maintaining safe condition of vessels.

3.2 Dry docking extension

TZRS will grant extension on dry docking or mandatory servicing for registered ships up to 30 June, 2020 through the following procedures-

- (a) Ship-owners shall submit their requests in writing to their Recognized Organizations in charge of mandatory certification for supporting the extension;
- (b) The Recognized Organizations shall submit ship-owners' requests accompanied with their confirmation letters to the Administration two weeks before the date of survey or audit overdue,
- (c) The requests shall contain a ship yard rejection letter due to COVID -19 along with a confirmation of acceptance issued by Recognized Organizations;



These temporary measures will be ceased as soon as COVID -19 is officially declared by WHO as finalized and the risks are over but might revised and period extended if the situation remains.

These measures would not be applicable to ship-owners and managers who would not face problems in arranging statutory surveys, dry docking and mandatory services to their ships during this period.

3.3 Electronic Certificates

Any vessel falling under above temporary measures shall be provided with electronic certificates by her authorized RO to be valid until 30th June , 2020.

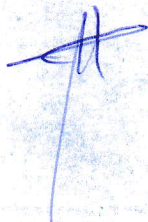
Upon the completion of above period and once the situation allows for mandatory surveys and audits to be performed in accordance to existing IMO survey and audit guidelines, all electronic certificates issued under these temporary measures would be replaced by a compliance certificate maintaining the current ship's certification cycle.

4. Actions required

The Administration would like to remind vessels' Owners and Managers that they are responsible to –

- (a) maintain safety, environmental and labour standards on board their ships according to the applicable instruments, for the entire period of the extension.
- (b) report immediately to TZIRS any technical failure, deficiency or non-conformity arising during the extension period.
- (c) ensure operational guidelines managing COVID -19 cases on board ships as well as guidance for protection of seafarers' health are fully observed.

This Circular may be amended or cancelled at any time during this period taking into consideration any change or advise provided by Authorities in respect to COVID-19 outbreak



This Circular is effective from 30th March, 2020

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