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CIRCULAR RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF SHIP SURVEYOR FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

To: Port Authorities, Customs, Ship owners, managers, operators, masters, Officers, Crew, Shipping agents, and the Shipping community

The spread of the coronavirus has placed the entire world in an unprecedented situation. To slow the spread of the disease and mitigate its impacts, travel is being curtailed; lockdown imposed and private and government offices are being closed. Due to the prevailing situation **Certificate of Ship Surveyor** issued as per "Ship Surveyors (Certificates) Regulations 2003", under section 500 of BMSO 1983, also could not be renewed.

Considering the COVID-19 Pandemic situation Department of Shipping Bangladesh Promulgate following circular regarding Certificate of Ship Surveyor to the Bangladeshi shipping community;

Certificate of Ship Surveyor issued as per "Ship Surveyors (Certificates) Regulations 2003", under section 500 of BMSO 1983, which have expired or are expiring before 1 October 2020 is hereby extended for a period of 6 (six) months from the expiry date printed/typed on the certificate. Ship Surveyors are **not required to apply for the extension** but may retain a copy of this circular.

During the revalidation of expired certificate, the new validity shall be issued for a period of two years from the original expiry date.

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