



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Maritime Administration

## ORDER

№ 130/ 21.12.2020

On the basis of Art. 362 of the Merchant Shipping Code, in conjunction with Decision № 855 of the Council of Ministers of 25 November 2020 for the extension of the emergency epidemic situation declared with Decision № 325 of the Council of Ministers of 14 May 2020, extended by Decision № 378 of Council of Ministers of 12 June 2020, Decision № 418 of the Council of Ministers of 25 June 2020, Decision № 482 of the Council of Ministers of 15 July 2020, Decision № 525 of the Council of Ministers of 30 July 2020, Decision № 609 of the Council of Ministers of 28 August 2020 and Decision № 673 of the Council of Ministers of 25 September 2020 and a proposal by the Chief State Health Inspector, given the anti-epidemic measures introduced on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria by Order № RD-01-677/25.11.2020, amended by Order RD-01-718-718/18.12.2020 of the Minister of Health, taking into account the recommendations of Circular Letter № 4204/ Add.5 /Rev.1 of 02 April 2020 of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) regarding difficulties encountered in changing ship crews and similar measures taken by States with a significant number of certified seafarers,

### I HEREBY ORDER:

**I.** All seafarers **meeting the requirements for continued professional competence** within the meaning of Chapter A-I/11 of the STCW Code, as amended, as well as Art. 87, para 1 of Ordinance № 6 of 2012 on competence of seafarers in the Republic of Bulgaria, holding certificates of competency and/or certificates of proficiency for special and additional training, issued by the Bulgarian Maritime Administration the validity period of which has expired or is due to expire by 30 June 2021, are **extended / reissued** as follows:

**1.** Certificates of competency shall be extended / reissued for a further period of 5 (five) years at the request of the seafarer, without passing the required refresher courses for special and additional training.

**2.** The validity of the Certificates of Proficiency for special and additional training, the renewal of which requires passing refresher courses, is extended until 31 December 2021 and the relevant certificate shall be reissued at the request of the seafarer without passing a refresher course.

**3.** The seafarers on board a ship who cannot be provided a crew change are issued a letter for extension of the certificates under items 1 and 2 of this Order, at the request of a Manning agent, Shipowner or the Administration of the flag, under which the ship sails.

**VI.** The Chief Secretary of the Bulgarian Maritime Administration, the directors of the Directorate “Maritime Administration - Burgas” and Directorate “Maritime Administration - Varna” shall exercise control over the implementation of this Order.

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