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MARINE CIRCULAR 185.1

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, AND REGISTRATION OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION.

Subject: SPECIAL MEASURES CONCERNING THE ISSUING OF AN ENDORSEMENT AND OTHER SEAFARERS' MARITIME DOCUMENTS

In view of the current situation due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak and in the light of International Maritime Organization Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5 dated 17th March 2020, the Palau International Ship Registry, taking into consideration the difficulties to the exchange of crew members already on board Palau Ships, sets the following temporary measures:

1. Endorsement attesting the recognition of a Certificate of Competency (CoC) (STCW. Reg I/10)

A. Extension of the validity:

- The validity of all endorsements for recognition issued until the present date will be linked to the validity of the seafarers' national Certificates of Competency (CoC). If a seafarer's national CoC is renewed an application for a new Endorsement attesting the recognition of CoC can be made through the email (info@palaureg.com).

If a seafarer is unable to apply for a new CoC in his home country, he must request a written statement from the relevant administration of the home country stating the extension of the validity of the original CoC for a limited period of months. After reviewing of such a Statement, an Application for Certificate of Endorsement needs to be sent to the (info@palaureg.com) in order to enable the process and to allow the issuance of a new Certificate of Endorsement

If the issuing administration of a seafarer's national CoC grants a general extension of the validity of the national CoCs, the validity of the Palau endorsement issued based on the current CoC will automatically be considered extended accordingly. In this case, it is not required to submit an application.

B. Issue of a new Endorsement:

Any application for an Endorsement attesting the recognition of a new seafarer's CoC can be made through the email (info@palaureg.com) by submission of the following documents:

- Application [A.009 Application for Endorsement of Seafarers'](#)
- Copy of Seafarer's CoC.
- One (1) passport size photograph of the applicant, .
- Copy of a valid medical certificate
- Copy of valid Passport



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After reviewing of the above documents, a Certificate of Endorsement will be issued.

2. Extension of the Validity of Palau Seafarer Identification Record Book (SIRB) and Medical Fitness Certificate

The validity of a SIRB Book and Medical Fitness certificate which will expire before June 30th, 2020, are granted an extension of 6 months (from the date of expiry).

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