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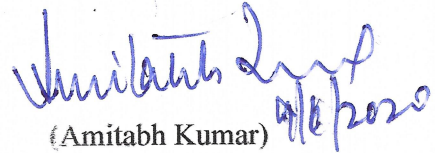
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**Subject: Extension of the validity of Recruitment & Placement of Seafarers License (RPSL) and Inspection of RPSL in view of Covid-19 outbreak – reg.**

1. The outbreak of COVID-19 virus and its fast spreading has resulted in authorities taking precautionary measures by way of lockdown/shutdown of facilities. As a result of these precautionary measures, the RPSL are experiencing difficulties / challenges in adhering to the various statutory requirements / obligations imposed under the Merchant Shipping Act and its rules / regulations, such as undertaking Annual/Renewal Inspection of RPSL and their validity.
2. Considering the prevailing Covid-19 situation and requests received from MASSA and other stakeholders, the Directorate extends the date of validity of the RPSL expiring between 23.03.2020 to 30.06.2020 up-till 31.07.2020 for the purpose of undertaking Annual/Renewal Inspection of RPSL.
3. The above extension is in the view of the prevailing extraordinary circumstances of the worldwide spread of COVID-19 and the country wide lockdown.

  
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To  
All stakeholders (through DGS website)