TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Date 20 March 2020
Subject Statement NSI COVID-19

The Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate declares, due to consequences of the outbreak of COVID-19, for ships flying the flag of the Netherlands (including trawlers of 75 meters and above) the following:

The Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate decided that all ship certificates which expire before June 19th 2020 remain valid for an additional 3-month period. This applies to:
- Expiration of all statutory ships certificates issued by the Recognized Organization or by the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate;
- certificates provided by companies providing services to the Administration or RO, including, but not limited to service providers re-certifying life-saving equipment, fire-fighting equipment or radio control.
- expiration of the validity of certificates due to the fact that required; annual / periodical / intermediate surveys cannot be held before June 19th 2020;

The subject ship certificates are not required to be replaced by new certificates on which the extended date of expiry is stated.

The ship owner remains responsible to ensure that all vessels are maintained and operating according to all applicable regulations.

For further information, reference is made to the COVID-19 contingency plan of the Netherlands on the website of the Administration.

The Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management,
On his behalf,
The Head of Department Human Environment and Shipping Licensing,