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English summary below

Geachte voorzitter en leden,

ILT heeft versie 8 van het Covid-19 Contingency Plan gepubliceerd. Deze versie wordt op 1 januari 2022 van kracht en loopt tot en met 31 maart 2022. Versie 8 is te downloaden van de [website van de ILT](#).

Met betrekking tot de bepalingen over de bemanningsdocumenten zijn de volgende wijzigingen doorgevoerd.

- De secties 7, 12 en 13 over het generiek verlengen van de looptijd van door Nederland afgegeven vaarbevoegdheidsbewijzen en bekwaamheidsbewijzen zijn komen te vervallen. Met de huidige versie van het CP waren deze bepaling per 1 november 2021 ook al beëindigd.
- De generieke verlenging van de looptijd van in het buitenland afgegeven Nederlandse keuringsbewijzen (sectie 14) wordt per 1 januari 2022 beëindigd. De al verleende generieke verlengingen van voor 1 januari 2022 vervallen keuringsbewijzen blijven doorlopen tot uiterlijk 31 maart 2022.
- De erkenning en acceptatie door Nederland van buitenlandse vaarbevoegdheidsbewijzen en bekwaamheidsbewijzen waarvan de looptijd door de betreffende maritieme autoriteit generiek is verlengd (secties 10a, 10b en 11) blijft onverkort van kracht.

De aanpassingen zijn gebaseerd op de huidige normalisering van de afgifte van bemanningsdocumenten in Nederland. Een recente uitvraag door het KVNR-bureau bij Kiwa Register, de Nederlandse maritieme trainingsinstituten, rederijen en maritieme





personeelsbureaus heeft dit beeld ook bevestigd. Met ILT is afgesproken dat de situatie opnieuw bezien kan worden als de omstandigheden daar aanleiding toe geven. In geval van overmacht (force majeure) kan met ILT contact worden opgenomen voor een onderbouwd verzoek tot ontheffing op individuele basis. Dit staat onderdaan het plan ook zo aangegeven.

Nu het Contingency Plan niet langer voorziet in het verlopen van de geldigheid van Nederlandse vaarbevoegdheidsbewijzen en bekwaamheidsbewijzen brengen wij met het bijgevoegde overzicht graag de mogelijkheden onder uw aandacht die de Wet zeevarenden in deze gevallen biedt.

English summary

ILT has published version 8 of the Covid-19 Contingency Plan (CP). This version will take effect on January 1, 2022 and run until March 31, 2022. Version 8 can be downloaded from [the ILT website](#).

Regarding the provisions on seafarer certification, the following changes have been made.

- Sections 7, 12 and 13 on the generic extension of the validity of certificates and certificates of proficiency issued by the Netherlands are repealed. With the current version of the CP, these provisions expired on 1 November 2021 already.
- The generic extension of the validity of Dutch seafarer medical certificates issued abroad (section 14) will be terminated as of 1 January 2022. Generic extensions granted to seafarer medical certificates that expire before 1 January 2022 will continue to be valid until 31 March 2022 at the latest.
- The recognition and acceptance by the Netherlands of non-Dutch certificates of competency and certificates of proficiency of which the validity has been generically extended by the relevant maritime authority (sections 10a, 10b and 11) remain in full force.

In individual cases of force majeure ILT can be contacted with a well substantiated request for exemption.

Attached you receive an overview of the provisions for exemptions in the Dutch manning legislation.

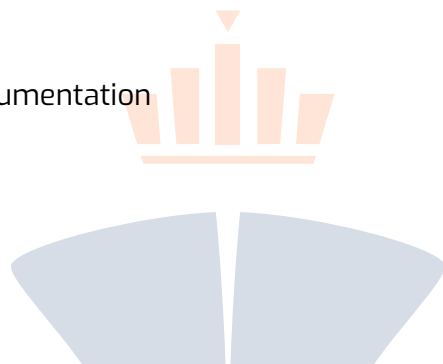
Met vriendelijke groet,

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Bijlage (1): Guidance on the expiring of seafarer documentation



Guidance on the expiring of seafarer documentation and deviation from the ship's minimum safe manning composition.

1 Contact details relevant authorities

ILT (Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate)

Phone : at +31 (0)88 489 00 00 (office hours 08.30 – 17.00)
E-mail : nsi@ilent.nl
Website : <https://english.ilent.nl/>

Outside office hours ILT can be reached by telephone at +31 (0)88 489 00 00.

+31 (0)88 4890000
+ press option 1 (transport incidents without dangerous goods)
+ press option 1 (merchant shipping).
You will be connected with the officer on duty

Kiwa Register (seafarer documentation)

Phone : at +31 (0)88 998 48 88 (office hours 08.30 – 17.00)
E-mail : scheepvaart@kiwa.nl
Website : <https://www.kiwaregister.nl/productpagina-scheepvaart>

Outside office hours one should contact ILT as mentioned above.

2 Safe Manning

Dispensation Safe Manning Document

- *Article 16 of the Seafarers Act*

In exceptional circumstances a temporary exemption from the prescribed minimum safe manning may be granted for up to six months.

The application for exemption has to be submitted by using the form "Application temporary exemption for crew composition - ILT.113E.03" that can be downloaded from ILT's website: <https://english.ilent.nl/themes/f/forms-merchant-shipping>.

Applications are to be sent by e-mail to : nsi@ilent.nl

In principle the application will be dealt with within the same working day. In urgent matters outside office hours one should call ILT on the phone number listed above.

Alternative manning in case of lay-up

- *ILT ItoRO no. 23*

With regard to laying up and rec-commissioning of ships ILT has issued relevant guidance with ItoRO no. 23. : https://puc.overheid.nl/nsi/doc/PUC_75059_14/1/

In sections 8.1 and 8.2 of said guidance the following is stated:

*When a vessel is laid up, normal manning may be reduced appropriate to the status and operational requirements of the vessel **and in principle, the Safe Manning Document valid for the trading ship does not apply to the ship in lay-up condition and is considered suspended.** Any reduction in manning should be considered in consultation with the relevant port or coastal State Authority.*

In some cases, the port or coastal State Authority may wish to have the manning level in lay-up approved by the NSI. The Company should then submit a manning plan to the NSI (nsi@ILenT.nl).

3 Certificates of competency and proficiency

Certificates of Competency and Proficiency

Certificates of competency and certificates of proficiency (STCW V/1-1, V/1-2, V/3 and V/4) can be revalidated on-line while the seafarer is serving on board. Applications are to be submitted to Kiwa Register : <https://www.kiwalicensing.com/merchantmarine>

Dispensation Certificates of Competency

- *Article 25 of the Seafarers Act (and Article VIII of the STCW Convention)*

In circumstances of exceptional necessity a seafarer may be issued a temporary exemption for holding an appropriate Certificate of Competency. Exemption may be granted for up to six months. In case of Masters and Chief Engineer Officers such an exemption shall be granted only in circumstances of force majeure and only for the shortest possible period.

The application for exemption is to be submitted to Kiwa Register by using the form "Aanvraag persoonsdispensatie" (In Dutch only) that can be downloaded from Kiwa's website: <https://www.kiwaregister.nl/koopvaardij/persoonsdispensatie>
Applications are to be sent by e-mail to : scheepvaart@kiwa.nl

Dispensation Certificates of Proficiency

The Seafarers Act and related lower legislation do not contain provisions for either granting in exemption or serving on board while holding expired certificates of proficiency.

Dispensation Ship's cook certificate

- *Article 3, paragraph 4 of the Seafarers Decree*

In circumstances of exceptional necessity, a dispensation will be issued permitting a non-fully qualified cook to serve in a specified ship for a specified limited period, until the next convenient port of call or for a period not exceeding one month, provided that the person to whom the dispensation is issued is trained or instructed in areas including food and personal hygiene as well as handling and storage of food on board ship.

Applications are to be sent by e-mail to ILT : nsi@ilent.nl

4 Seafarer medical certification

Seafarer medical certificate expiring in the course of the voyage

- *Article 47 of the Seafarers Act*

If the period of validity of a medical certificate expires in the course of a voyage, the medical certificate shall continue in force until the next port of call where the seafarer can obtain a medical certificate from a qualified medical practitioner, provided that the period shall not exceed three months.

Exemption from holding a valid Seafarer medical certificate

- *Article 45 of the Seafarers Act*

In urgent cases a seafarer may be issued an exemption to work without a valid medical certificate until the next port of call where the seafarer can obtain a medical certificate from a qualified medical practitioner, provided that:

- (a) the period of such permission does not exceed three months; and
- (b) the seafarer concerned is in possession of an expired medical certificate of recent date.

Applications for exemption are to be sent by e-mail to the Medical Adviser of ILT : mas@ilent.nl

5 Seaman's Book

The Seafarers Act and related lower legislation do not contain provisions for either granting an exemption or serving on board while holding an expired seaman's book.