



NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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EXTENSION OF SERVICE PERIOD IN SEAFARERS' EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (Circular NMC3.2020 (rev1))

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this circular is to address the heightened immigration control measures set in place by an increasing number of countries which may result in ship owners experiencing difficulties arranging change of crew when their Seafarers' Employment Agreements (SEA) expire.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. Niue Marine Circular NMC2.2020 – Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)
2. Maritime Labour Convention 2006, as amended

APPLICATION:

This circular applies to all seafarers serving on board Niue flagged vessels.

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On 30 January 2020, the WHO has declared that the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

International efforts to stem the spread of the outbreak has led to an increasing number of countries and their port authorities placing immigration restrictions which may result in difficulties for ship owners to arrange change of crew when the SEAs of the crew expire.

To address the above circumstances, the Niue Ship Registry wishes to advise all parties concerned that a seafarer's service period may be extended on condition that any such extension is agreed by the seafarer voluntarily in writing and is properly set out in the SEA.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Registry at operations@niueship.com or call: +65 6226-2001 for clarification.