

# MEASURES TAKEN BY IMO TO ADDRESS TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



# GUIDANCE ISSUED BY IMO UP TO 22 APRIL 2020

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- The IMO guidance and the information submitted by Member States on national measures can be found in:  
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Coronaviruss.aspx>
- **Circular Letter No.4204 of 31 January 2020**, providing information and guidance on the precautions to be taken to minimize risks to seafarers, passengers and others on board ships from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)
- **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.1 of 19 February 2020**, COVID-19 – Implementation and enforcement of relevant IMO instruments
- **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.2 of 21 February 2020**, Joint Statement IMO-WHO on the Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

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- **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.3 of 2 March 2020**, Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak on board ships prepared by WHO
  - **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.4 of 5 March 2020**, ICS Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for ship operators for the protection of the health of seafarers
  - **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.5/Rev.1 of 2 April 2020**, Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Guidance relating to the certification of seafarers and fishing vessel personnel
  - **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.6 of 30 March 2020**, Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Preliminary list of recommendations for Governments and relevant national authorities on the facilitation of maritime trade during the COVID-19 pandemic



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- **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.7 of 3 April 2020**, Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Guidance concerning unforeseen delays in the delivery of ships
  - **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.8 of 14 April 2020**, Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Video meeting with Port State Control (PSC) regimes
  - **Circular Letter No.4204/Add.9 of 14 April 2020**, Joint Statement IMO-WCO on the integrity of the global supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# GUIDANCE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

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- IMO/ILO/WHO joint statement on medical certificates of seafarers and sanitation certificates of ships
- IMO/ICAO/ILO joint statement on designation of seafarers, marine personnel, fishing vessel personnel, plane and port workers as ‘key workers’, and to facilitate crew changes and repatriation
- Guidance regarding expiry of statutory certificates
- A matter of special concern is the situation of seafarers and fishing personnel. The IMO Secretary-General has written to all Member States urging them to recognize them as “key workers”, to remove any barriers to documentation and lift national travel restrictions for the crew changeover and repatriation