GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS
MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENT

Principal Officer

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CIRCULAR

Subject: **MANDATORY INTIMATION OF EXPIRY / UPCOMING EXPIRY OF STATUTORY CERTIFICATES OF SHIPS**

It has been observed that in certain cases statutory certificates of vessels are either expired or approaching expiry without timely intimation to the Mercantile Marine Department, resulting in non-compliance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 2001.

2. In exercise of powers vested under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 2001 (MSO 2001), all Shipping Companies, Ship Owners, Managers and Agents operating vessels under Pakistan Flag or under the jurisdiction of Mercantile Marine Department are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance regarding validity of statutory certificates of vessels.

3. All concerned Shipping Companies / Owners / Operators are **bound to inform the Mercantile Marine Department immediately in case any statutory certificate has expired or is likely to expire within thirty (30) days**, to facilitate timely survey, inspection, renewal or necessary action under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

4. Failure to comply with the above instructions may result in necessary action under relevant provisions of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 2001 and other applicable maritime regulations.

5. This Circular shall come into force with immediate effect and be circulated to all concerned for strict compliance.

PRINCIPAL OFFICER,
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Distribution:

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