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Circular Letter No.4231/Add.22
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To: All IMO Member
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy**

The Government of the Republic of Italy has sent the attached communication, dated 9 August 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



Ministry of Health

Directorate General for Health Prevention

Rome, 09/08/2021

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HE Mr. Kitack Lim
Secretary General of the
International Maritime Organization

**Subject: Measures to Address Covid-19 – last term to the extension of the
two-year seafarer medical examinations - 1st October 2021**

Dear Secretary-General Lim,

the Government of Italy presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and is honoured to take this opportunity to commend you for the diligent and timely work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this regard, with reference to the Circular Letter No.4231/add.7 dated 1st June 2020, through which Italy informed member States about the extension of the validity of medical examinations and certificates, I am pleased to inform you that the national medical centres, responsible for conducting medical fitness examinations for seafarers, are resuming their regular operations including the issuing of the two-year medical certification.

Given the positive assessment of the current status of the pandemic and related increased mobility in the national territory, the extension of the two-year medical certification, currently in place, will be suspended from 1st October 2021.

In light of the above, I kindly ask the Secretariat to have this information circulated to all member states of the IMO.

The Italian government avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

The General Director
Dr Giovanni REZZA