

GUIDANCE NOTE 02/2022

UKRANIAN SEAFARERS SERVING ON CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS

To: OWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS & UKRANIAN SEAFARERS

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Along with many other Administrations, the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry (CISR) wishes to offer support to Ukrainian seafarers and all seafarers affected by the current crisis in and around Ukraine and the Black Sea.
- 1.2 This Guidance Note summaries the approach CISR will be taking in respect of contract extensions and the repatriation of Ukrainian seafarers during the current crisis.

2. THE CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 Due to the situation in Ukraine, there are currently no commercial travel options available in or out of the country. This will impact on Ukrainian seafarers.
- 2.2 It is likely that the Ukrainian Seafarer training facilities and Maritime Administration may not operate normally during the current crisis.
 - 2.2.1 This Guidance Note is to clarify the CISR position on provisions which can be made for Ukrainian Seafarers currently employed on a Cayman Islands registered ship.
 - 2.2.2 This Guidance Note will also clarify acceptance of Ukrainian Certification and training.

3. SEAFARERS ON BOARD SHIPS

- 3.1 Ukrainian Seafarers may choose to extend their contracts past the original expiry dates. CISR will accept the extension of Ukrainian Seafarers Employment Agreements (SEAs) beyond the MLC limit of 11 months if requested by the seafarer.
- 3.2 Extensions should be properly documented and signed, in advance of expiry of the original contract, by both the Seafarer and master or other company representative.

- 3.3 Ukrainian Seafarers who do not want contract extensions should be offered repatriation to a mutually agreed third country, subject to the immigration requirements of that country.

4. RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATES

- 4.1 CISR currently recognizes Ukrainian Certificates of Competency (CoC) for service on Cayman Islands ships. The issuing authority in Ukraine is unlikely to be operating as normal for the foreseeable future.
- 4.2 As such, CISR will continue to recognize expired Ukrainian CoCs with expiry dates after 1 February 2022, provided that the seafarer can show evidence that they have served on board a ship within the period of validity of the expired CoC.
- 4.3 Applications for the endorsement of an expired Ukrainian CoC should be made in the normal manner through www.cishipping.com.

5. REVIEWING THIS GUIDANCE NOTE

- 5.1 CISR are aware that the situation in Ukraine is constantly changing, and this Guidance Note will be kept under review and, if necessary, amended accordingly.
- 5.2 If further assistance is required on a case-by-case basis or confirmation is required regarding any of the items discussed above, please contact CISR directly at caymanregistry@cishipping.com.