



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping
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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE Ref: 2 of 2018

**Title: Application for Extension, Dispensation, Equivalence
or Exemption**

Notice to: **Ship Owners/Ship operators/Recognised Organisations (RO's)
and others operating ships under the Mauritian Flag.**

The objective of this Merchant Shipping Notice is to inform all Ship owners/Operators/Managers and RO's of the new procedures which will be in force as from 01 December 2018 regarding applications for Service Extension, Dispensation, Equivalence or Exemption.

1.0 In a view to avoid delays in processing requests from all stakeholders regarding applications for Service Extension, Dispensation, Equivalence or Exemption, this Ministry wishes to inform all those concerned that as from 01 December 2018, the procedures for such request would be as explained below.

2.0 Any request as at Paragraph 1.0 above shall be submitted in the format prescribed at the appendix 1 of this Notice. All fully filled applications should be sent to the Director of Shipping (Mauritius) at: shippingdivision@govmu.org

3.0 Furthermore, please be advised that the following basic **definitions** are established for reference when addressing such issues, namely:

a. Extension: An Extension is a postponement of the term of validity of a Statutory certificate, servicing interval, or Dispensation, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Convention, due to extenuating circumstances encountered that prevent the crediting of a requisite task prior to the nominal due date. Extensions of servicing intervals in particular are referred to as "Service Extensions." Extensions if issued, would also contain a specific date by which corrective action shall be taken. Compliance shall be reported to the Director of Shipping.

b. Dispensation: A Dispensation is a temporary allowance granted by the Director to permit a ship to proceed without being in full compliance with a specific Convention requirement due to exceptional circumstances preventing the immediate rectification of the subject deficiency. Dispensations are issued with time specific corrective action requirements compliance with which are reportable to the Director by the expiry date.

c. Equivalence: Equivalence is an equivalent arrangement which provides the same general level of safety or intent of a Convention requirement without meeting all criteria for full compliance. Such arrangements can be accomplished, either independently or in combination with, alternative equipment, additional procedures/precautions, operational restrictions and others. Equivalences, when granted, will be communicated to the IMO.

d. Exemption: An Exemption is a permanent release from compliance with a Statutory Convention requirement due to the existence of specific circumstances as sanctioned by the provisions of that Convention. The Exemption Certificate is linked to, and retained with, its associated statutory certificate, and is solely issued by this Ministry. Applications for Exemptions shall be requested directly by the shipowner to the Director of Shipping. The views of the relevant RO will also be sought out.

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION, DISPENSATION, EQUIVALENCE OR EXEMPTION

TYPE OF APPLICATION			
Extension <input type="checkbox"/>	Dispensation <input type="checkbox"/>	Equivalence <input type="checkbox"/>	Exemption <input type="checkbox"/>

1. Name of Vessel:	2. IMO Number:	3. Date Submitted:
4. Name & Title of Person Submitting Application:	5. Contact No.:	6. Email:
7. Company's Name (ISM) as Referred onto the Vessel's Safety Management Certificate:		
8. Description of extension/dispensation/equivalence or exemption requested (details of equipment involved, proposal, etc.):		
9. Reason for extension/dispensation/equivalence or exemption requested (circumstances necessitating the extension/dispensation/equivalence or exemption):		
10. If the application is for extension or dispensation please advise the Corrective Action Plan (anticipated location/date completion of repairs or servicing, itinerary of vessel, etc.):		
11. Special conditions or further remarks:		

FOR SHIPPING DIVISION USE ONLY		Application number:	
Approved ()	Rejected ()	Need More Information ()	
Comments by Shipping Division:			
Regulation that grants the right to an extension/dispensation/equivalence or exemption:			
Is class informed? Y/N		Name & Title of Officer:	
Date Reviewed:		Extension/dispensation/equivalence or exemption valid until:	