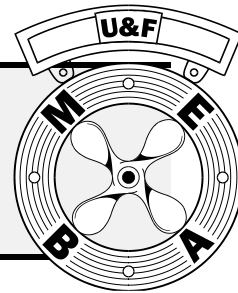

ALL PORTS BULLETIN



From: M.E.B.A. Headquarters
Date: January 3, 2017
Subject: MMC Extension

The USCG is experiencing continued delays in processing documents for renewal. To help fix this problem they are granting an extension of national endorsements for any mariner whose Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) expires on or after December 1, 2016. The extension is effective immediately and will be valid until September 30, 2017.

All mariners sailing exclusively under the authority of their national endorsement on inland or coastwise voyages are advised to carry a copy of this letter with their expired credentials and produce it upon the request of USCG personnel or other officials. A copy of this extension letter is attached to this communication.

Mariners with expired credentials taking advantage of the extension will not be dispatched for any job that extends past September 30th.

Note: This extension does not apply to Mariner Medical Certificates or STCW endorsements.

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Dear U.S. Mariner:

Due to a greater-than-usual volume of mariner credential applications being received, the Coast Guard National Maritime Center (NMC) may be unable to process all Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) applications prior to the expiration of your current document. In an effort to address this issue, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) is exercising its authority under Title 46, United States Code, Section 7507, and is granting an extension of national endorsements for any mariner whose MMC expires on or after December 1, 2016. This extension is effective immediately and will be valid until September 30, 2017.

All mariners sailing under the authority of their national endorsement(s) should print and retain a copy of this letter with their MMC and produce it upon the request of USCG personnel or other officials. The NMC does not intend to issue any separate or new MMCs to correspond to this extension.

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Mariners and industry stakeholders are encouraged to monitor the NMC website for updates: www.uscg.mil/nmc. Any questions regarding the validity of extended MMCs or the specific contents of this letter should be directed to e-mail at iasknmc@uscg.mil or by phone at 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) (or internationally at 001-304-433-3400).

Sincerely,

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