EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF MARITIME RULES 31.25(1) AND 32.10(1)

PURSUANT TO Section 47 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994,

I, KENNETH CRAWFORD, Deputy Director Maritime Systems Assurance, acting under delegated authority, being satisfied that –

(a) the granting of the exemption will not breach New Zealand’s obligations under any convention; and
(b)(iv) events have occurred that make the prescribed requirements unnecessary or inappropriate in the particular case; and
(ba) the risk of harm to the marine environment will not be significantly increased by the granting of the exemption; and
(c) the risk to safety will not be significantly increased by the granting of the exemption,

HEREBY EXEMPT:

Seafarers who hold a certificate of competency or endorsement issued under Part 32 of the Maritime Rules or a certificate of recognition issued under section 41 of the Maritime Transport Act, whose certificates expire between 11 March 2020 and 30 June 2020

FROM:

After the date of expiration, the requirements of Maritime Rules 31.25(1) and 32.10(1)

31.25 Duty of crew to hold certificates and to be able to demonstrate ancillary proficiencies

(1) No person may act in a crew position for which a specific certificate or endorsement is required under either a Minimum Safe Crewing Document or a provision of this Part unless that person holds the specific certificate or endorsement or a higher grade of certificate or endorsement that gives the required privileges.

32.10 Requirement to hold certificate and associated endorsements

(1) No person may, except under the authority of, and in accordance with, a current certificate issued under this Part or other authority under the maritime rules, together with any endorsements relating to that certificate—

(a) operate a commercial ship as a master or member of crew; or
(b) exercise the privileges relating to a certificate or prescribed endorsement that is issued under this Part; or
(c) hold himself or herself out as a person who is entitled to exercise the privileges relating to a certificate or prescribed endorsement issued under this Part.

PROVIDED THAT:

a) Once their certificate or endorsement expires, seafarers may only exercise privileges that were previously provided by the expired document;

b) Seafarers remain subject to the limitations, conditions or suspensions of expired documents;

c) Seafarers may only exercise the privileges for an additional THREE MONTHS past the date of expiration;

d) Individual seafarers must cease exercising privileges after the date of expiration if required to do so in writing by the Director;

e) For expired certificates of recognition, the underlying document must remain valid.
This exemption shall be valid until **30 September 2020** unless withdrawn earlier in writing by the Director.

**SIGNED** at Wellington on this 30th day of March 2020.

![Signature]

**Kenneth Crawford**

Deputy Director Maritime Systems Assurance
Maritime New Zealand
Acting under Delegated Authority