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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 716**

**The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Extension of Maritime Labour Certificate) (Amendment) Regulations 2019**

**Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2013**

2.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2013 are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation), in the definition of “anniversary date”, for “date of expiry” substitute “original date of expiry”;

(3) In regulation 10 (duration and validity of maritime labour certificates)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for “paragraph (2)” substitute “paragraphs (2) and (2B)”;

(b) in paragraph (2), before “date” insert “original”;

(c) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) This paragraph applies where a renewal survey as required by regulation 5(1) (b) has been completed but a new Maritime Labour Certificate cannot, on the date of completion of the survey—

(a) be issued; or

(b) made available on board the ship.

(2B) Where paragraph (2A) applies, the certifying authority may extend the period of validity of the existing Maritime Labour Certificate by a period not exceeding 5 months.

(2C) Where a certifying authority extends the period of validity of a Maritime Labour Certificate under paragraph (2B), it must—

(a) issue the new Maritime Labour Certificate as being valid from the original date of expiry of the existing certificate; and

(b) endorse the existing certificate accordingly.

(2D) “Original date of expiry”, in relation to a Maritime Labour Certificate, means the final day of the period of validity of the certificate, excluding any extension to that period added under paragraph (2B).”.