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Ref. ILT statement concerning Covid-19

Due to the consequences of the Covid-19 outbreak, which is having an impact on inland vessels certified by the Netherlands, the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate (ILT) would like to state the following:

Pending communication from the EU regarding Union certificates, the ILT shall follow the CCNR guidelines in respect of Community and national certificates, measurement certificates, declarations and other documents issued by the Netherlands, namely:

Use of expired certificates is permitted

The use of expired certificates, declarations and other documents issued pursuant to the Inland Navigation Act, Inland Shipping Decree and Inland Navigation Regulations shall not be prosecuted if the safety and safe navigation are not compromised and the relevant certificates, declarations and other documents were still valid on 15 March 2020.

(Re)certification remains possible

The above measure is not mandatory. It will still be possible to renew the present certificate as usual or to put a newly built vessel into service. In this case, the guidelines of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) are to be applied. If justified, the survey (inspections, dry-dock inspections, drawing checking, declarations, etc.) may be carried out by the appropriately approved classification societies, inspection bodies and approved specialist firms. Where this survey could not be completed due to the outbreak of Covid-19, a provisional certificate may be issued for six months instead of three, provided that safety is guaranteed.

Yours faithfully,
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