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**PROPOSALS FOR THE FACILITATION OF SHIPPING DURING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

ICS GUIDANCE ON CERTIFICATION ISSUES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Submitted by ICS

SUMMARY

Executive summary: The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has issued comprehensive guidance for ship operators on certification issues during the COVID-19 pandemic

*Strategic direction,
if applicable:* No related provisions

Output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: None

1 ICS would like to bring an ICS guidance document on certification matters to the attention of the Council.

2 The document seeks to provide comprehensive guidance to ship operators on managing certification matters during the COVID-19 outbreak, and is intended to complement the various circular letters and documents issued by the Organization, port State control MOUs and Member States.

3 The document can be accessed using the following link: [https://www.ics-shipping.org/docs/default-source/resources/coronavirus-\(covid-19\)-managing-ship-and-seafarer-certificates-during-the-pandemic.pdf?sfvrsn=6](https://www.ics-shipping.org/docs/default-source/resources/coronavirus-(covid-19)-managing-ship-and-seafarer-certificates-during-the-pandemic.pdf?sfvrsn=6)

Action requested of the Council

4 The Council is invited to consider the information provided in paragraphs 1 to 3 and take action, as appropriate.