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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.

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

Mariners and industry stakeholders are encouraged to monitor the NMC website for updates: [www.uscg.mil/nmc](http://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](mailto:iasknmc@uscg.mil) or by phone at 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662) (or internationally at 001-304-433-3400).

Sincerely,

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