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CIRCULAR NO. 16/20

TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Member:

**PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS (PEME) AND COVID-19: AN UPDATE**

Port state COVID-19 prevention and mitigation policies continue to challenge Members' plans for arranging changes of crew in many parts of the world.

In response to this reality, and superseding previous policy notified in [Circular No. 09/20](#) of March 20, 2020, your Managers are further extending the validity of American Club PEME certificates to May 31, 2020 for seafarers originating from Bulgaria, India, Indonesia, Latvia, Philippines, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine who:

- (1) currently hold valid American Club PEME certificates due to expire before May 31, 2020; and
- (2) are currently employed onboard a vessel entered for P&I cover with the Club.

For seafarers awaiting deployment, the current requirements remain in effect as summarized at:

<https://www.american-club.com/page/pemes>

As always, the Managers will be pleased to respond to all enquiries arising from the above. They should be directed to Dr. William Moore, Global Loss Prevention at [william.moore@american-club.com](mailto:william.moore@american-club.com).

Yours faithfully,

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