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**TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

**Dear Member:**

**PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION (PEME) PROGRAM: EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES TO TWO CALENDAR YEARS**

Members are asked to note the following development in regard to the validity of Club medical forms/certificates issued under its PEME program.

With immediate effect, the Club-approved medical form/certificate will be valid for a period of two (2) calendar years from the original date of issuance. Until now, they were valid for one (1) calendar year.

The period of validity has been extended from one year to two years in order to harmonize Club practice with Regulation 1.2 (Medical Certificate), Standard A1.2, paragraph 7(a) of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, by virtue of which seafarers' medical certificates issued under the Convention will be valid for a maximum of two years.

Furthermore, Club-approved medical forms/certificates are currently valid for one calendar year will now be valid for two calendar years as from the original date of issuance.

Finally, under this new, extended validity period, there will be no extensions of validity of Club-approved forms/certificates beyond two years from the original date of issuance.

Should Members have any questions, they are asked to contact Dr. William Moore, Senior Vice President at +1 212 847 4542 or by e-mail at [william.moore@american-club.com](mailto:william.moore@american-club.com).

Yours faithfully,

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