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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>HSSC Certificate Extension</b>
Reference	SOLAS Reg I/14(e) and Reg I/14(f).

**HSSC Certificate Extension**

The extension endorsement on HSSC full-term certificates is to be used only where directed by the Flag Administration specific process instruction. The survey reporting system does not currently allow extension endorsement for all cases allowed by HSSC. The extension endorsement also may not be used for Electronic Certificate Compliance (ECC) certificates because the system cannot automatically strike the non-applicable regulation from the certificate endorsement text, hence the limited use.

Until the survey reporting system is updated to allow all cases of HSSC extension endorsements, the general practice of issuing short-term certificates when statutory surveys are extended will continue except when required in the Flag Administration specific instructions.

**Extension of full-term HSSC Statutory certificate**

The extension survey task is first to be completed and saved with the extension date as authorized by the Flag Administration. The "Extended" state is then to be completed in the Certificate. If the Flag Administration instructs CONARINA to issue a short-term certificate instead of extending the full-term certificate, follow the Flag Administration instructions.

HSSC provides three cases for extension. Only cases 1 and 2 can currently be endorsed in the appropriate fields.

Case 1 - Extension for a maximum of three months for a vessel to complete its voyage and proceed to the port in which it is to be surveyed.

Case 2 - For ships engaged on short voyages, extension for a maximum of one month.

Case 3 - Where the existing full-term certificate was originally issued for a period of less than five years, the certificate may be extended to its full five-year validity.

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