LETTER N° 064-2020/COMMPE

Mr. Larry Yim
Liaison Officer, APEC SEN

SUBJECT :  Ref. to your letter of Considerations for Crew change dated 24 July 2020

Dear Mr. Yim,

Good day,

I hope yourself; your families and teammates are very well and in good health in these difficult times by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regarding to the restrictions of crew change policies in Peru due to COVID-19, please note the status update as follows:

1. Crew changes for Peruvian Seafarers in national trade is allowed in Port of Callao as per Regulations and protocols issued by Callao Health Office and Callao Port Harbor Master Office.
2. Crew changes for Peruvian Seafarers of tugboats and others port operations support vessels are allowed following the sanitary protocols as per Health Office and National Port Authority.
3. Crew changes for international seafarers it is not permitted in any Peruvian ports. Also to recognize that airports remain closed to international flights.
4. Some Peruvian seafarers are traveling to board their vessels in ports of other countries on scheduled humanitarian flights, but this is evaluated and authorized on a case-by-case basis by the FA Authorities after following established protocols.
5. From March this year and as per IMO recommendation, our institution have issued many letters to relevant national authorities requesting to consider IMO guidelines in crew changes to recognize to Peruvian Seafarers as “Key Workers” but without success so far.

Above mentioned is all we can summarize. In case you need more details please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest Regards,

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