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Circular Letter No.4231/Add.21  
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To: All IMO Member  
Intergovernmental organizations  
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy**

The Government of the Republic of Italy has sent the attached communication, dated 13 May 2021, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

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**Ministry of Health**  
 Directorate General for Health Prevention

Rome, date of issue  
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HE Mr. Kitack Lim  
 Secretary General of the  
 International Maritime Organization

**Subject: Measures to Address Covid-19 – Vaccination for Seafarers.**

Dear Secretary-General Lim,

The government of Italy presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and is honoured to take this opportunity to commend you for the diligent and timely work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and especially for the work done to support vaccination for seafarers, confirmed, inter alia, by circular letters No. 4204/Add.38 and Add.39.

In this context the Italian Coast Guard Headquarters has carried out a mapping exercise of seafarers to be vaccinated, in order to assist with updated information for the procurement of adequate supplies of vaccines. 30 thousand Italian seafarers were registered.

Recognizing the ongoing need to continue to protect seafarers' health and safety through preventive and protective measures, and in response to the worldwide crew crisis, the Italian Ministry of Health – taking into account also the national vaccination program – has instructed the Italian local health authorities to facilitate access for seafarers to the anti-SARS-CoV-2 vaccination, in accordance with national "*Interim Recommendations on SARS-CoV-2 / COVID-19 Vaccination*", published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

In the light of the above, I ask the Secretariat to kindly have this information circulated to all member States of the IMO.

The Italian government avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

The General Director  
 Dr Giovanni REZZA

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