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In recognition of the current circumstances,

A temporary exemption has been granted to Saudi and foreign vessels in the Arabian Gulf from the requirement for valid certificates and documents for a period of (30) days.

The Public Transport Authority announced the suspension of the requirement for valid certificates and documents for issuing or renewing navigation licenses and work permits for marine units for a period of (30) days, renewable as needed, provided that there is no impact on the safety of life or the protection of the marine environment. This applies to Saudi and foreign vessels present within the Kingdom's territorial waters in the Arabian Gulf.

This decision comes in response to the current circumstances and in support of the continuity of maritime operations and the smooth flow of operational processes within the Kingdom's territorial waters.

The exemption includes vessels involved in maritime works and projects within the Kingdom's maritime zones that may face operational challenges preventing them from leaving to complete technical requirements or conduct necessary inspections outside those waters.

The Authority emphasized that this measure aims to enable vessels to continue their work efficiently and safely, enhance the flexibility of operational processes, and ensure compliance with relevant regulatory requirements.