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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



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TO : ALL OWNERS/OPERATORS OF PHILIPPINE FLAGGED SHIPS, CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT : EXEMPTION FROM COMPLIANCE/EXTENSION OF PERIOD TO COMPLY WITH THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS)

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation I/3 of Chapter 1 of the Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations, 1997 (PMMRR '97); Regulation 3 of (SOLAS), as amended; and Executive Order No. 125, as amended, exemptions from compliance/extension of time to comply with Regulations 7 to 11, Chapter IV of SOLAS shall be granted by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), through the Recognized Organizations provided the following condition are met:

1. The application for exemption is filed with the MARINA before 01 February 1999.
2. The ship complies with the functional requirements stipulated under Regulation 4, Chapter IV of SOLAS.
3. In case of exemption requests, the following documents are submitted together with the application:
 - 3.1. An undertaking from the ship's registered owners that the vessel shall be taken permanently out of service within two (2) years from effectivity of the GMDSS requirement, or not later than 01 February 2001; and
 - 3.2. An undertaking by the Philippine company that it shall secure from this Authority the appropriate adjustment of the Certificate of Vessel Registry (CVR) to reflect 01 February 2001 as the expiry date.

Request for extension of compliance with the GMDSS requirements shall be granted by this Authority until 01 May 1999 and only if the Philippine is able to submit proof of acquisition (i.e. receipt) of GMDSS equipment for its vessel.

Please be guided accordingly

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