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TO : ALL MARINA MARITIME REGIONAL DIRECTORS / OFFICES

SUBJECT : ALERT ACTIONS ON VESSELS INVOLVED IN RICE SMUGGLING AND OTHER NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES

The illegal activity of rice smuggling is rampant and has been going on for some years cheating the government of huge amount of revenues. In view of this, the Special Projects Action Group of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission (PAOCC) of the Office of the President, has embarked an operation against rice smuggling in coordination with the Bureau of Customs (BOC), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Bureau of Immigration (BI), National Coordinating Agency (NICA) and the Department of Finance (DOF).

In a coordinative meeting held on 14 September 2001, the PAOCC released the following list of vessels reportedly involved in rice smuggling:

NAME OF VESSEL	DATE OF APPREHENSION	PLACE OF APPREHENSION	NUMBER OF BAGS OF RICE SEIZED	STATUS OF VESSEL
1. MV RONAN	06 JULY 2001	PASACAO PORT, CAMARINES SUR	29,000	ESCAPED
2. MV GEMA	19 JULY 2001	TABACO PORT, TABACO, ALBAY	13,500	LEFT PORT BEFORE APPREHENSION
3. MV NICHOLAS	20 JULY 2001	SUBIC PORT	16,600	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC
4. MV MOLAVE	23 JULY 2001	SUAL PORT, PANGASINAN	25,000	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC
5. MV LADY LYN	20 AUGUST 2001	TACLOBAN PORT, LEYTE	17,000	LEFT PORT BEFORE APPREHENSION

6. MV HONDA	25 AUGUST 2001	HERMA SHIPYARD, MARIBELES BATAAN	12,000 OF 37,500	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC
7. MV EURO DOS	25 AUGUST 2001	PORT SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION	20,000	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC
8. MV GRAND FACIFIC	27 AUGUST 2001	AG&P WHARF, BAUAN, BATANGAS	30,600	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC
9. MV DONA AUREA	31 AUGUST 2001	HERMA SHIPYARD, MARIBELES BATAAN	25,000	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC
10. MV GYPSY QUEEN	05 SEPT.2001	CEBU BAY, CEBU	30,000	UNDER CUSTODY OF BOC

All concerned MARINA Offices, including the MARINA Maritime Regional Offices (MRO's) are hereby directed to immediately initiate proceedings relative to the revocation/cancellation of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC), Certificate of Vessel's Registry (CVR) and Seaman's Identification Record Book (SIRB) to captains, mates/crew of the vessels involved in rice smuggling. You are further advised to be on guard on any attempts by the owners/operators of listed vessels to sell/dispose/transfer or change the vessel's name/vessel registry and/or other devious means to avoid the vessels apprehension/seizure/litigation

In this likely event, any such application for change of name/sale and transfer or registration should be immediately denied. The vessel owner/operator should also be advised to voluntarily turn over the vessel to customs authorities.

For strict compliance.

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