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TO : ALL MARINA ACCREDITED TRAINING PROVIDERS / INSTITUTIONS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ADOPTION OF NEW SSO CERTIFICATE FORMAT AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

The **Maritime Safety Committee** of the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** approved during its 81st Session amendments to the **International Convention on Standards, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended**, to include the training and certification of **Ship Security Officer (SSO)**.

Details of the amendments are contained in **IMO Resolutions MSC.203(81)** and **MSC.209(81)**.

In view thereof and in line with our continuing effort to reconstruct our files which were gutted by fire last year, please be advised of the following:

A. Ship Security Officer (SSO):

1. Reformat your SSO certificates based on the attached format;
2. Provide the Manpower Development Office – Maritime Manpower Development Division (MDO – MMDD) :
 - a. A specimen of your reformatted SSO certificate ;
 - b. List of graduates since granted accreditation using the attached format; and
 - c. SSO Certificate signatories since granted accreditation using the attached form.
3. Certificates bearing the new text format, or similar to the attached format, issued by MARINA accredited training providers prior to the issuance of this Advisory are valid.

4. MARINA-accredited training providers may re-issue SSO certificates issued on or after 01 January 2008 with SSO certificates bearing the new text format subject to the existing individual company policies.

Items 1 and 2.a should be acted upon with dispatch while items 2.b and 2.c should be submitted to the MDO-MMDD **on or before 01 July 2008**.

B. Ship Security Awareness / ISPS Familiarization:

1. Only MARINA-accredited SSO training providers are authorized to conduct SSA / ISPSF trainings.
2. Training certificates issued by training providers not authorized by the MARINA will not merit MARINA endorsement / authentication.

For further queries, you may direct your concerns to the MDO-MMDD presently located at the **5th Floor, TRIDA Building, Taft Avenue corner TM Kalaw ST., Ermita Manila** and may be contacted at telefax number **524-6517**.

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