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**To** : All Shipowners/Bareboat Charterers/Ship Operators/Ship Managers Employing Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel onboard Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships and Other Concerned Entities

**Subject** : **Current Policy of the Government of Sri Lanka on Foreign Ships Carrying Arms Through Sea Marshall that Will Enter the Ports of Sri Lanka**

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the Department of Foreign Affairs, through its letter dated 25 November 2015 has provided information that the Government of Sri Lanka has reverted to Sri Lanka Navy the responsibilities of Onboard Security Teams (OBST) activities exclusively handled by **M/S AVANT GARDE MARITIME SERVICES (PVT) LTD.** An information is given by the Sri Lanka Navy that it intends to enter into agreements with individual Private Maritime Security Companies the soonest possible time.

In view thereof, all Philippine-registered overseas ships that will employ Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP) as supernumeraries onboard are hereby enjoined to hand over their weapons to the Sri Lanka Navy upon entering the ports of Sri Lanka. There was an assurance given by the Sri Lanka Navy of the normal operations of issuing, receiving and safe custody of the weapons to be taken over from the ships.

For strict compliance and guidance of all concerned.

  
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