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TO : ALL SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS OF PHILIPPINE REGISTERED SHIPS, MASTERS, CREW AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON THE SECURITY MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY PHILIPPINE REGISTERED SHIPS CALLING ON MINDANAO PORTS

Notice is hereby given that the President of the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 216 on 23 May 2017, declaring a state of Martial Law in the whole of Mindanao.

Relative thereto and pursuant to Sec. 2.c of Executive Order No. 197 issued on 04 February 2016 "Designating the Secretary of Transportation as the Authority Responsible for the Security of Sea Transport and Maritime Infrastructure in the Country, and for Other Purposes", wherein the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is mandated to enforce the International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS) Code provisions anent the security of Philippine-flagged or registered ships.

Among the objectives of the ISPS Code are as follows:

.2 to establish the respective roles and responsibilities of the Contracting Governments, Government Agencies, Local Administrations and the Shipping and Port Industries, at the national and international level for ensuring maritime security;

.3 to ensure the early and efficient collection and exchange of security-related information;

.4 to provide a methodology for security assessments so as to have in place plans and procedures to react to changing security levels; and

.5 to ensure confidence that adequate and proportionate maritime security measures are in place”.

In the light of the foregoing, this Authority is directing all shipping companies/shipowners/operators of Philippine registered ships to issue a notice of warning to their Masters and crew to exercise extreme caution and take precautionary measures while calling in all ports of Mindanao which are on Security Alert Level 3 status. All concerned shall observe, comply and implement the provisions of the ISPS Code pertaining to Security Alert Level 3 status.

Finally, all shipping companies are likewise enjoined to report any suspicious sightings within the area to the relevant maritime law enforcement agency.

For strict compliance.


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