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TO : All Shipowners/ Bareboat Charterers/ Ship Operators/ Ship Managers/ Shipmasters, Officers and Crew of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Licensed Manning Agencies, Recognized Organizations, and Concerned Government Agencies

SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) CIRCULAR LETTERS AS OF 31 MARCH 2024

Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 31 March 2024:

1. **Circular Letter No. 4772/Rev.1* (07 December 2023) –**
Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974
Amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code)
Amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (Grain Code)
Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code)
Amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code)
Amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)
Amendments to the Performance standards for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks and the Performance standards for protective coatings for cargo oil tanks of crude oil tankers (resolutions MSC.215(82) and MSC.288(87), respectively)
Amendments to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code
Revised International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F), 1995
Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F) Code

– *Circular Letter has been revised to include draft amendments to resolution MSC.402(96), set out in annex 8, which had been approved at MSC 107 and were inadvertently omitted from the original circular letter.

2. Circular Letter No. 4232/Add.20 (03 January 2024) - Communication from the Government of Ukraine

– Information on the effectivity of the Order of the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine dated 05 September 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Order'), regulating the procedure for certification of ratings of seagoing ships.

As per the provisions of the Order, qualification documents of the ratings of seagoing ships have to be issued solely by the Shipping Administration. It should be also emphasized that the Government of Ukraine has established the relevant procedures for obtaining seafarers' qualification documents remotely, either through an application of a seafarer's representative or the Djia Portal.

3. Circular Letter No. 4841 (15 February 2024) - Communication from the Government of Georgia regarding the issuance of electronic ship certificates

– Information on for all concerned parties (shipowners and managing companies, Port State Control officials, ships' crews and all other stakeholders) on the use of electronic certificates on board for Ships flying the Georgian Flag which takes effect from the 1st of February 2024.

Permanently issued paper certificates/documents of Georgian flagged ships by the Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia should be replaced by electronic certificates/documents, and the transition period for replacement is considered during the next annual renewal of registration of the current ship.

4. Circular Letter No. 4854 (14 March 2024) - Communication from the Government of the Republic of Yemen

– Information for all Member States and stakeholders in maritime entities to disregard any communication sent from the so called Humanitarian Operations Coordination Centre (HOCC) and not to participate nor deal with this terrorist militia group. HOCC is an illegitimate entity, not belonging to or representing the Government of the Republic of Yemen and the email has been sent by the Houthi militia and their piracy in the Red Sea.

5. Circular Letter No. 4857 (28 March 2024) - Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI

– Transmission on the text of the draft amendments to MARPOL ANNEX VI (Designation of the Canadian Arctic and the Norwegian Sea as Emission Control Areas for Nitrogen Oxides, Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter, as appropriate) and set out in the annex, with a view to its consideration for adoption at MEPC 82 in accordance with articles 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of said Convention.

Copy of the Circular Letters may be viewed at or downloaded from <https://marina.gov.ph/marina-advisory-flag-state-administration-advisory/>.

Attention is therefore invited for all Philippine overseas shipping companies, shipowners, and other concerned maritime entities to observe any action/s you may deem appropriate.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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