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TO : ALL CONCERNED DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES / OPERATORS AND OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF SAFE PRACTICE FOR CARGO STOWAGE AND SECURING IN DOMESTIC SHIPPING

Pleased be advised that in order to provide a standard equivalent in promoting the safe stowage and securing of cargoes onboard ships, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) shall require all concerned domestic shipping companies/operators to comply with the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing provided under Chapter for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as follows:

1. Effective 01 July 2002, all domestic ships carrying cargo units other than solid and liquid bulk cargoes and timber stowed on deck shall have on board a Cargo Securing Manual (CSM) duly approved by the MARINA.
2. All cargo units other than solid and liquid bulk cargoes and timber stowed on deck should be stowed and secured on board in accordance with the ship's CSM.
3. The CSM shall be valid only before major changes and alterations have been made on the general structure and intended use of the ship.
4. Only personnel who have sound practical knowledge of the application and content of the CSM shall be tasked to take charge of cargo stowage and securing.
5. For the safe conduct of the cargo stowage and securing, the master shall ensure that the ship's approved CSM is strictly followed.

Non- Compliance with the foregoing provision shall be subject to sanctions prescribed under the Public Service Act, as amended, the Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations and pertinent MARINA Memorandum Circulars.

Please be advised accordingly.

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