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TO : All Shipowners, Shipmanagers, Company Designated Persons Ashore, Masters and crewmembers of Philippine Registered Ships engaged in the overseas trade, Recognized Organizations, and other concerned maritime entities.

SUBJECT : 2015 AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT (ISM) CODE FOR THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF SHIPS AND FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION

Notice is hereby given that the amendments to the International Safety Management (ISM) Code were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 92nd session from 12 to 21 June 2013, and shall enter into force on **1 January 2015**.

1.0 Application

Shipowners and shipmanagers of Philippine-registered ships engaged in the overseas trade shall ensure that the requirements of the ISM Code are fulfilled.

2.0 The Amendments

The amendments, as detailed in Resolution MSC.353 (92) – “*Amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operations of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management (ISM) Code)*”, concern manning levels on ships and a requirement for periodic confirmation that work practices on board and ashore are in accordance with and fulfill the requirements of the ISM Code.

The amendments to the Code are as follows:

Part A – IMPLEMENTATION

Section 6 – Resources and Personnel

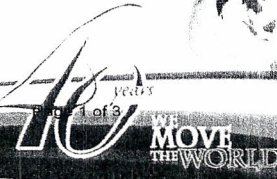
Paragraph 6.2 has been expanded to include an additional statement at 6.2.2 to clarify that the Code covers all shipboard operations, which read as follows:

“6.2 The Company should ensure that each ship is:

- .1 manned with qualified, certificated and medically fit seafarers in accordance with national and international requirements; and,
- .2 appropriately manned in order to encompass all aspects of maintaining safe operations on board*.”

*Refer to the *Principles of minimum safe manning*, adopted by the Organization by Resolution A.1047(27).

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Section 12 – Company Verification, Review and Evaluation

A new paragraph 12.2 has been added to the text, with the existing paragraph 12.2 and subsequent paragraphs being renumbered from 12.3 to 12.7. This additional paragraph clarify that the company also has responsibility to ensure that other delegated ISM related tasks conform with the Code:

"12.2 The Company should periodically verify whether all those undertaking delegated ISM related tasks are acting in conformity with the Company's responsibilities under the Code."

The following footnotes have been added to the text in Part A for reference and guidance purposes:

1 In paragraph 1.1.10, the following footnote is added after the words "Major non-conformity":

"Refer to the Procedures concerning observed ISM Code major non-conformities (MSC/Circ.1059-MEPC/Circ. 401)."

2 In paragraph 1.2.3.2, the following footnote is added after the word "account":

"Refer to the List of codes, recommendations, guidelines and other safety and security-related non-mandatory instruments (MSC.1/Circ.1371)."

3 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 3:

"Refer to the Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Companies (MSC- MEPC.7/Circ.5)."

4 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 4:

"Refer to the Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the Designated Person under the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.6)."

5 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 8:

"Refer to the Guidelines for a structure of an integrated system of contingency planning for shipboard Emergencies, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.852(20), as amended."

6 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 9:

"Refer to the Guidance on near-miss reporting (MSC-MEPC.7/Circ.7)."

7 The following footnote is added at the end of the title of section 11:

"Refer to the Revised list of certificates and documents required to be carried on board ships (FAL.2/Circ.127, MEPC.1/Circ.817 and MSC.1/Circ.1462)."

The following new paragraph is added to the foreword of the publication of the Code:

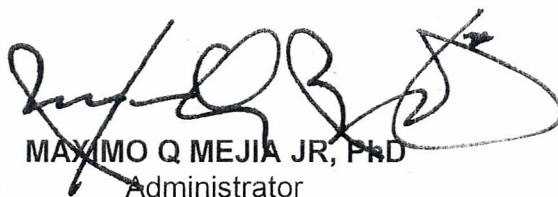
"The footnotes given in this Code are inserted for reference and guidance purposes and do not constitute requirements under the Code. However, in accordance with paragraph 1.2.3.2, all relevant guidelines, recommendations, etc. should be taken into account. In all cases the reader must make use of the latest versions of the referenced texts of the document specified in a footnote, bearing in mind that such texts may have been revised or superseded by updated material."

All Philippine overseas shipping companies, ship managers and other concerned maritime entities are required to comply with the requirements of the said amendments.

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For compliance and guidance of all concerned.

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