MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 47

TO : ALL SHIPOWNER / OPERATION , SHIP AGENTS, SHIP MASTER AND ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALIES / MARITIME ENTERPRISES.

SUBJECT : ENFORCEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW) 1978

Please be informed that the international convention on standards or Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers 1978, took effect 22 may 1989. The Maritime Industry Authority by virtue of executive order Nos.125 and 125-A and in Consonance with the memorandum Circular nos. 41 and 41-A enforce the following Procedures:

1) Upon notification of arrival of vessel, the Marina shall dispatch a duly authorized inspection team to board the Vessel any time between completion of the customs- immigration – Quarantine (CIQ inspection and scheduled departure of the vessel;

2) Upon boarding of the vessel, the inspection team shall present themselves To the vessel’s master or his authorized representative for assistance in the Accomplishment of the attached inspection form. The crew on board shall Present the following documents for verification:

   2.1 Shipping articles
   2.2 Endorsement Certificate
   2.3 Rating Certificate
   2.4 Seaman’s Book
   2.5 Any other relevant documents ,e.g. dispensation certificate , etc.

3) The completed report shall be signed by Marina inspector and confirmed by the master of the vessel or his authorized representative / s.

4) The Marina inspector shall sign the vessel land book to attest that an inspection was conducted as per STWC requirements and then disembark from vessel.
5) In case of adverse findings / major deficiencies, the Marina shall notify in writing the master or any other relevant authority as per article X of the Convention.

For immediate compliance.