MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.54

TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, MANNING AGENCIES,

SEAFARERS, AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF SEAFARERS FOR BOTH

OVERSEAS AND INTERISLAND EMPLOYMENT

Please be informed that the Department of Health has approved the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing Accreditation of Medical Clinics and Hospitals and the Conduct of Medical Examination for Overseas Workers and Seafarers which are contained in Department of Health Administrative Order No. 85-A, s. 1990 in the Philippine Stars, a newspaper of general circulation.

In compliance with this DOH Administrative Order No. 85-A s. 1990, all medical examinations of seafarers applying for STCW Certificate shall be performed in an accredited medical clinic or hospitals . The prescribed Medical Form for Seafarers shall be used which shall then be authenticated by the Bureau of Licensing and Regulations of the Department of Health . This Medical Form duly accomplished is valid only for a period of three (3) months from the date of insurance .

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

Please be guided accordingly.

Manila, Philippines, June 1990.

PHILIP S. TUAZON Administrator