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: All Shipowners/ Bareboat Charterers/ Ship Operators/ Ship Managers/ Shipmasters, Officers and Crew of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Licensed Manning Agencies, Recognized Organizations, Shipbuilders/Shipyards, Ship Designers, Concerned Government Agencies, Parties Concerned in Providing Guidance on Inspection and Maintenance of Mooring Equipment Including Mooring Lines, and Persons Responsible for Design of Mooring Arrangements and the Selection of Appropriate Mooring Equipment and Fitting.

SUBJECT

: GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MOORING EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LINES (MSC.1/Circ.1620) and GUIDELINES ON THE DESIGN OF MOORING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE SELECTION OF APPROPRIATE MOORING EQUIPMENT AND FITTINGS FOR SAFE MOORING (MSC.1/Circ.1619)

Recognizing the importance of inspection and maintenance of mooring equipment including lines, and the importance of design of mooring arrangements and the selection of appropriate mooring equipment and fittings for safe mooring operations, notice is hereby given that the following Guidelines were approved by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its 102nd session held on 4 to 11 November 2020:

- Guidelines for Inspection and Maintenance of Mooring Equipment Including Lines (MSC.1/Circ.1620)- These Guidelines provide recommendations and guidance for maintenance and in-service inspections of mooring equipment including lines and tails, criteria for identifying worn-out lines and tails for removal from service before failure, and criteria for selection of replacement mooring lines and tail; and
- 2. Guidelines on the Design of Mooring Arrangements and the Selection of Appropriate Mooring Equipment and Fittings for Safe Mooring (MSC.1/Circ.1619) These Guidelines support the application of the provisions of SOLAS regulation II-1/3-8, as amended by resolution MSC.474 (102), for mooring arrangement, which is expected to become effective on 1 January 2024, and encourage greater consideration of the occupational safety and safe mooring of the ship when designing new ships.

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Copies of the IMO MSC Circulars may be viewed at or downloaded from www.imo.org or https://marina.gov.ph/marina-advisory-flag-state-administration- advisory/.

Attention is therefore invited for all Philippine overseas shipping companies, shipowners, ship designers, shipyards, and other concerned maritime entities to observe the above stated Guidelines.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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