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TO : **All Classification Societies, Domestic Shipping Companies/ Operators and Other Maritime Entities/ Parties Concerned**

SUBJECT : **Implementation of MARINA Memorandum Circular No. MS-2020-01**

In line with the implementation of Memorandum Circular No. MS-2020-01, *"Revised Rules on the Accreditation of Classification Societies and Entities for the Purpose of Classification of Ships in the Domestic Trade"* you are hereby reminded of the following:

1. Section XVI states that *"All existing Local Classification Societies (LCS) shall comply within one (1) year after effectivity of this Circular"*
2. Section XIX provides that *"The Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen days after its publication once in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines".*
3. The new Circular was published last October 02, 2020, and with the provision of Section XIX the Circular becomes effective since October 17, 2020.
4. Certificate of Accreditation issued under Memorandum Circular No. 165 ceases to be valid starting October 17, 2021.
5. Member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) who wishes to engage in Classification of Ships in the domestic trade must now secure accreditation under this Circular before October 17, 2021.
6. Guidance on the status of Accreditation of Classification Societies and its effect to the validity of safety certificates are provided in the MARINA Advisory No. 2021-19 dated 30 March 2021.

Existing LCS and IACS members who wishes to continue Classification Services in the domestic trade must submit their application to MARINA for review by our Review Committee prior to issuance of Certificate of Accreditation.

Utmost cooperation and strict compliance are hereby enjoined.

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