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TO : All Shipowners/ Bareboat Charterers/ Ship Operators/ Ship Managers/ Shipmasters, Officers and Crew of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Licensed Manning Agencies, Recognized Organizations, and Concerned Government Agencies

SUBJECT : INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) CIRCULAR LETTERS AS OF 13 FEBRUARY 2022

Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 13 February 2022:

1. **Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.35/Rev.10 (10 February 2022) - Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Designation of seafarers as key workers** – Received 64 notifications from Member States and two from Associate Members that they have designated seafarers as key workers.
2. **Circular Letter No. 4287/Add.8 (9 February 2022) - Communication from the Government of the Argentine Republic** – Argentine Republic has provided an extension to the exceptional extensions already granted to national and international Certificates and Titles issued to the personnel of Argentina's National Merchant Navy.
3. **Circular Letter No. 4508 (9 February 2022) - Communication from the Government of Ukraine** – Report on threats to the safety and security of navigation in the northern part of the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait.
4. **Circular Letter No. 4249/Add.4 (7 February 2022) - Communication from the Government of the Republic of Cuba** – Provides information on the temporary extension of decrees, certificates of competence, endorsements and medical certificates and the conditions set thereof.
5. **Circular Letter No. 4505 (2 February 2022) - Communication from the Government of the State of Israel** – Provides information that the certificates of competency, certificates of proficiency and other documentary evidences issued by Israel with expiration between 01/06/2021 to 01/06/2022 shall be considered valid until 12/31/22.



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6. **Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.35/Rev.9 (1 February 2022) - *Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Designation of seafarers as key workers*** – Received 63 notifications from Member States and two from Associate Members that they have designated seafarers as key workers.
7. **Circular Letter No. 4256/Add.1 (1 February 2022) - *Communication from the Government of the Republic of Maldives*** – Maldives' declaration of Seafarers as "Key Workers" and prioritization of their vaccination and repatriation as appropriate. This circular will enter into force from 13th January 2022.
8. **Circular Letter No. 4485/Rev.1 (1 February 2022) - *Vacancy Notice – Director, IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), Msida, Malta*** – Revision on the Vacancy Announcement for the Director, IMLI, Msida, Malta, and its deadline extension, no later than 25 February 2022.
9. **Circular Letter No. 4232/Add.15 (31 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of Ukraine*** – Extension on the validity of seafarers' qualification documents until 30th of June 2022 from the date of expiry, and the conditions set thereof.
10. **Circular Letter No. 4503 (31 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of the Republic of Iraq*** – Objection of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to the maritime declaration issued by the Iranian Ports and Maritime Organization No. 10 / 2020.S dated 08/26/2020, which established a waiting area in the listed coordinates constituting an obstacle to the smooth flow of navigational vessels.
11. **Circular Letter No. 4502 (28 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana*** – To alert all stakeholders – national, regional and international, that the State of the Republic of Guyana is no way connected or related to the dubious entity known as the International Maritime Safety Agency of Guyana (IMSAG) or its principals and/or their affiliates, led by a Captain Suniel Kumar.
12. **Circular Letter No. 4283/Add.5 (27 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu*** – Issuance of COVID 19 (REV4) policies on Seafarers Employment Agreement (SEA), Seafarers Documentation, ISM/ISPS/MLC Verifications, Copies of Certificates and Documents in Electronic Format and Surveys by Vanuatu Maritimes Services Ltd. (VMSL).
13. **Circular Letter No. 4304/Add.3(25 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of Mexico*** – Extension of the validity and legal effects of the documents issued by the National Maritime Authority, until March 31, 2022.



14. **Circular Letter No. 4220/Add.12 (24 January 2022) - *Update on the status of the International Maritime Organization Headquarters building and telecommuting arrangements due to the COVID-19 pandemic*** – Advisory on measures regarding access to the Headquarters building, effective 31 January 2022.
15. **Circular Letter No. 4499 (21 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of the United Arab Emirates*** – Report on threats to the security and safety of navigation in the southern part of the Red Sea. To call for the release of the UAE Flagged vessel RWABEE (IMO No. 9834351), with immediate effect and safe return of her eleven (11) seafarers which included Filipino nationals, and the medical equipment cargo on board.
16. **Circular Letter No. 4490/Add.1 (20 January 2022) - *Received nominations for the Ad-hoc Expert Workshop on Impact Assessments*** – To provide information on the list of Member States and international organizations who have nominated experts to join the virtual Ad-hoc Expert Workshop on 8 and 9 March 2022.
17. **Circular Letter No. 4497 (18 January 2022) - *Communication from the Government of the Republic of Uganda*** – Information on the New Maritime Legislation – Inland Water Transport Act, 2021 and the Maritime Administration of Uganda.

Copy of the Circular Letters may be viewed at or downloaded from <https://marina.gov.ph/marina-advisory-flag-state-administration-advisory/>.

Attention is therefore invited for all Philippine overseas shipping companies, shipowners, and other concerned maritime entities to observe any action/s you may deem appropriate.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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