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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 22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 22 September 2022:

1. **Circular Letter No. 4232/Add.17(8 August 2022) –Communication from the Government of the Republic of Poland**–Information regarding the updated Guidelines on extending the validity of seafarers' maritime documents in the period of COVID-19 emergency state, wherein seafarers holding certificate of competency or certificates of proficiency that have expired or will soon expire, who meet the conditions for revalidation under the provisions of the relevant Regulation, may apply to maritime offices on-site or electronically. Detailed information can be found on the websites of maritime authorities.
2. **Circular Letter No. 4611 (9 August 2022) –Communication from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs** – Information on The Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Other Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports (the Initiative, also known as the Black Sea Grain Initiative) signed on 22 July 2022 by Türkiye, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. The Initiative states that a *Joint Coordination Centre* would be established under the auspices of the United Nations, with the representation of all the Parties, to conduct general oversight and coordination of the Initiative.
3. **Circular Letter No. 4385/Add.2(12 August 2022) –Communication from the Government of the Republic of Fiji** – Information regarding the temporary extension of validity of the certificate of competencies and endorsements for Fiji registered seafarers which will end by 10 November 2022, pursuant to the attached information Marine Notice 06/22.
4. **Circular Letter No. 4611/Add.1 (30 August 2022) - Communication from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs** – Information regarding the 26 August 2022 approval by the Joint Coordination Centre of the final version of the "Procedures for Merchant Vessels" engaged in The Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Other Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports (the Initiative, also known as the Black Sea Grain Initiative).





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5. **Circular Letter No. 4246/Add.13 (30 August 2022) –Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar** – Further extension on the validity of the STCW certificates of Myanmar seafarers currently serving ONBOARD and engaged on international voyages and near-coastal voyages, that are expiring between the period of 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 shall be extended to 31 March 2023 without need to submit application at the Department of Marine Administration (DMA), relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. **Circular Letter No. 4626 (2 September 2022) –Communication from the Government of the State of Libya** – Information on the issued court judgment (Case No. 2016/88) by the Libyan Court of Appeal concerning M/T Morning Glory/ IMO No.: 9044504/ Official No.: 14021/ Flag: KOREN/ Ship Type: Oil Tanker, wherein the Libyan Maritime Authority (LMA) has registered the subject tanker under the flag of Libya and issued an interim Certificate of Registry which is valid until the selling of the vessel.
7. **Circular Letter No. 4631 (16 September 2022) –Communication from the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe**– Introduction on the Maritime and Port Institute of Sao Tome and Principe (IMAP-STP) delegating the authority to register ships and issue certificates of international registry and seafarers on behalf of the Maritime Administration of Sao Tome and Principe, as well as to operate and manage any matters, activities and functions related thereto in accordance with the Maritime Act of Sao Tome and Principe, to Sao Tome and Principe International Registry (STPIR), headquartered at Limassol, Cyprus ([www.stregistry.com](http://www.stregistry.com)).
8. **Circular Letter No. 4248/Add.17 (21 September 2022) –Communication from the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**– Information on the adopted COVID-19 Contingency Measures cited in the attached circular GEN 025 Rev.15, in relation to the certification of seafarers and the survey and certification of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines flagged vessels.

These temporary measures that are also published on the official website of the Maritime Administration ([www.svg-marad.com](http://www.svg-marad.com)), shall remain in place until 01 January 2023 starting from 18 September 2022 and are subject to review as the situation develops. This Circular should be kept on board ready to be disclosed to PSC Officers.

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



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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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