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TO : ALL FILIPINO SEAFARERS, LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND ALL OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : GUIDANCE RELATING TO FILIPINO SEAFARERS WHO ARE HOLDERS OF VALID SEAFARER'S IDENTIFICATION AND RECORD BOOK (SIRB)

Consistent with its obligations under Article 19 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on the "*Obligations of Members in respect of Conventions*" and in line with Article 2, paragraph 1 of the "Convention Concerning Seafarers' National Identity Documents" otherwise known as the "Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108)", the Philippines, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), issued a passport type document called the "**Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB)**" to Filipino seafarers, indicating that the holder is a seafarer and has the same effect as a Seafarer's Identity Document for the purpose of the said Convention.

MARINA Memorandum Circular No. MD-2019-01 issued on 10 January 2019 provides that all previously issued SIRB pursuant to MARINA Circular 2016-05 shall remain valid until the expiration period or expiry date thereof. This was further reiterated through MARINA Advisory No. 2021-05 wherein it was emphasized that valid SIRB continues to serve as identification document for Filipino seafarers.

In view of the continuing effect of COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of "*global chip crisis*" seriously affecting the production and supply of blank SID cards that are compliant with the standards set under the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), as amended, this Authority hereby issues the following guidance:

1. *Filipino Seafarers who are holders of valid SIRB are not required to apply for SID. They shall only apply for such identity document within 6 months prior to the "date of expiry" of their SIRB;*
2. *Valid SIRB shall continue to serve as valid identity document of Filipino Seafarers and should be recognized and accepted as such by Licensed Manning Agencies, Shipping Companies, Ship Owners and Operators, Port*

State Control Authorities, other Competent Authorities and stakeholders concerned;

3. If in case the visa pages of a valid SIRB have been completely used up, Port Authorities or other Competent Authorities are *requested to use the visa pages of the Filipino Seafarer's Passport* for "shore leave" purposes or for "transit and transfer" when the Filipino Seafarer is *joining his ship or transferring to another ship or passing in transit to join his ship in another country or for repatriation*; or any other purpose as may be approved by the authorities of the ILO Member State concerned;
4. Filipino Seafarers who are *serving on-board ships plying the domestic waters of the Philippines* are *not required to apply or to be in possession of the SID*. The mere possession of a Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) should be sufficient to establish the identity of such domestic Filipino Seafarers.

The guidance provided under this Advisory shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid and subsisting until a new Circular providing for the revised rules and regulations on the issuance of SID and SRB is issued by this Authority.

All previous MARINA Advisories or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Advisory are deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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