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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 15 JULY 2024

Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 15 July 2024:

- 1. Circular Letter No. 4855 (15 March 2024) – Communication from the Government of Ukraine** – transmitting the attached communication from the Government of Ukraine regarding the attack on February 27, 2024 on the ship "KURUOGLU-3" (IMO 8512047) under the flag of the Republic of Turkiye (shipowner – Kuruoglu Denizcilik), which was stranded in the port of Kherson for more than two years and loaded with nitrogen fertilizer, become another manifestation of terrorism by the Russian Federation. As a result of the Russian missile attack, the vessel "KURUOGLU-3" was damaged on the starboard side, as a result of which it tilted and has a roll of about 15-20 degrees to the starboard side.
- 2. Circular Letter No. 4863 (05 April 2024) – Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy** – Information on the initiative of the Italian TMAS "Centro Internazionale Radio Medico - (C.I.R.M)" to provide remote neuropsychological support to the crews of merchant ships sailing in the Red Sea and that may be subject to attacks by Yemeni Houthi rebels. With the project called UNSAFE SEA, to alleviate the discomfort that crews of ships of all nationalities transiting risky waters may experience
- 3. Circular Letter No. 4865 (17 April 2024) - Communication from the Government of Israel** - Information from the Ambassador's Office, Embassy of Israel on the dangerous escalation in maritime safety with the attack and hijacking of a commercial vessel by the Islamic Republic of Iran, near the Strait of Hormuz on 13 April 2024. Iran publicly stated that its reason for the hijacking of MSC Aries was that the vessel had links to Israel. To prevent further endangerment of seafarers and a potential escalation into a wider conflict, thereby urging the IMO to submit a comprehensive report to the UN Security Council that will present the recent attack and Iran's ongoing activities in undermining maritime security, both regionally and internationally.

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4. **Circular Letter No. 4879 (29 May 2024) - Amendments to the International Code of the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) Amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code)**
 1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 108th session (15 to 24 May 2024), approved draft amendments to
 - .1 The International Code of the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) as set out in annex 1; and
 - .2 The International Code of Safety Using Gases or other Low flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), as set out in annex 2, for circulation with a view to adoption at its 109th session, tentatively scheduled to take place from 2 to 6 December 2024.
 2. Transmit herewith, in accordance with the article V(b)(i) of the SOLAS Convention, the text of the aforementioned proposed amendments for consideration with a view to adoption by the Committee at its 109th session, in accordance with article VIII(b)(iv) of the SOLAS Convention.

5. **Circular Letter No. 4886 (12 June 2024) - Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines** - Draft resolution which aims to deliver a strong political message on the urgent need for all shipping industry stakeholders to effectively promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all seafarers, in line with international human rights instruments. The draft also recognizes the initiatives taken by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote safe and decent living and working conditions for seafarers.

6. **Circular Letter No. 4887 (13 June 2024) - Communication from the Government of Ukraine** - Recorded systematic and large-scale forced illegal seizure of material assets of business entities belonging to Ukraine's agro-industrial complex by the Russian occupation forces and representatives of the occupation administrations. They have identified a number of illegal foreign merchant vessels which are systematically engaged in illegal exports of agricultural products from the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine (relevant list as annex).

7. **Circular Letter No. 4889 (26 June 2024) - IMO e-Learning Course – Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement** - This is a free online course that will be hosted by the new IMO Learning Management System (LMS) platform that can be accessed through the IMO website or the following URL: <https://lms.imo.org/moodle310/>. The course is designed to address the key aspects of ballast water management, including background information on invasive aquatic species and ballast water management, the contents and provisions of the Ballast Water Management Convention, and the components of an effective system for compliance monitoring and enforcement. While the course is primarily aimed at Government administrators responsible for the prevention and control of pollution of the marine environment, it is open to anyone interested in IMO's regulatory framework for ballast water management, including students and members of the public.



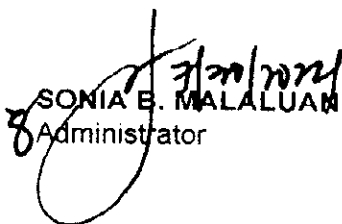
8. **Circular Letter No. 4892 (05 July 2024) - Communication from the Government of Ukraine** - The competent authorities of Ukraine have recorded a call of the m/v SAN COSMAS (IMO 9274343) on 03 – 28 December 2023, which is located in the temporary occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine (hereinafter – Crimea) and closed for international shipping. It was loaded with 6580 metric tons of agricultural products, looted by the Russian occupation of Ukraine. authorities from the temporary occupied territory of Ukraine. The Ukrainian Side would also like to recall that IMO Member States were informed about the closure of seaports located in the territories temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation and legal responsibility for an unauthorized entry to said seaport, as announced in IMO Circular Letters Nos. 3477, 3649 and 4557. Moreover, the IMO Assembly resolution A.1183 (33) of 4 December 2023 "The impact of the Russian Armed Invasion of Ukraine on International Shipping" called upon Member States to inform their vessels, shipowners, and ship operators and insurance brokers of the need to refrain from violating the regime of closed seaports in certain parts of territory of Ukraine, temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation, and to conduct investigations of alleged breaches of this regime.

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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