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**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS/
OPERATORS, MARITIME ENTITIES AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : GUIDANCE ON THE TRANSITION FROM SEAFARER'S
IDENTIFICATION AND RECORD BOOK (SIRB) TO SEAFARER'S
RECORD BOOK (SRB) AND SEAFARER'S IDENTITY DOCUMENT
(SID) FOR FILIPINO SEAFARERS**

In the interest of the service and in accordance with Rule XX, Section 4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 12021, also known as the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers, a registry of seafarers shall be established and maintained. This registry will contain updated and relevant information to enhance employment opportunities for seafarers.

Further, in compliance with the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention No. 185, known as the Seafarers' Identity Document Convention (Revised), 2003, as amended, this Authority shall issue a seafarers' identity document to each of its nationals who is a seafarer. This initiative aims to facilitate the authentication of seafarers' identities at ports and border crossings, as well as to streamline shore leave and transfers.

In view of the foregoing, all Filipino seafarers holding a valid SIRB issued under Memorandum Circular No. 2009-10¹ are hereby encouraged to apply for the issuance of SID and SRB pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. MD-2024-01².

For guidance of all concerned.

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¹ Revised Rules on the Issuance of Enhanced Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB)

² The 2023 Policies, Standards and Guidelines for the Issuance, Revocation and Reissuance of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer's Identity Document (SID)

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