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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 30 APRIL 2025**

Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 23 April 2025:

- 1. Circular Letter No. 4963 – Communication from the Government of Ukraine**  
– A letter from the H. E. Mr. Oleksii KULEBA, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine concerning the incident in the Kerch Strait. The Ukrainian kindly requests IMO Member States to:  
  - .1) Intensify measures to combat the “dark fleet” of the Russian Federation, taking into account IMO Assembly Resolution A. 1192 (33).
  - .2) Focus efforts during port State control inspections on identifying vessels used by the Russian Federation as the “dark fleet.” This will help prevent harm to the international marine environment and ensure compliance with international environmental and safety standards.
- 2. Circular Letter No. 4965 – Communication from the Government of the Republic of Italy** – The Italian Coast Guard Headquarters requested to circulate information among Member states regarding the revised procedures for issuing the indicated SOLAS statutory certificates which fall under the responsibility of the Italian Maritime Administration.
- 3. Circular Letter No. 4972 – Communication from the French Republic** – A letter from the French Republic to the International Maritime Organization to recall that it has no way delegated “The Matthew Island Ship Registry” the management of its ship registration register, either to this interlocutor or to any other.

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4. **Circular Letter No. 4990 – Communication from the Government of Ukraine** – The Government of Ukraine has sent the attached communication dated 12 March 2025 and requested it to be circulated by the Organization with regards to the recent armed attack by the Russian Federation on Odesa's port infrastructure and civilian vessels.

This Russian attack killed four (4) crew members, nationals of the Syrian Arab Republic, and injured another seafarer of Syrian nationality, as well as one Ukrainian port worker. Several port facilities of the Commercial Sea Port of Odesa were destroyed, and tanker ARKOS (IMO 9286827, flag Portugal) sustained structural collateral damage.

5. **Circular Letter No. 4997 – Communication from the Government of the Kingdom of Norway** – Notice from the Government of the Kingdom of Norway regarding the company Romarine AS (also known as Ro Marine AS). The Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway (Finanstilsynet) confirms that Romarine AS is neither registered nor licensed as an insurance company or intermediary in their official registry. Furthermore, the authority states that Romarine AS has used false documentation to misleadingly suggest it holds a license from Finanstilsynet. The public is advised to refer to Finanstilsynet's official online registry for a list of licensed companies.

6. **Circular Letter No. 4999 – Communication from the Government of the Republic of Cyprus** – For the attention of all IMO Member States regarding the actions taken by the Republic of Türkiye, whereby 36 NAVTEX have been issued in 2024, within the area of responsibility of the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) of the Republic of Cyprus, which is the sole competent authority for transmitting navigational warnings to seafarers on safety matters.

Thus, Cyprus has requested for the IMO Secretary General to notify the International NAVTEX Coordination Panel Chairman of such actions, which they consider to be illegal, constituting a violation of international law, its territorial waters and sovereignty, maritime safety procedures, and also posing serious safety and security risks.

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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