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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 : IMO CIRCULARS RELATING TO THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AS OF 30 APRIL 2025

Notice is hereby given on the following attached Circulars relating to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) **Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)**, published as of 30 April 2025:

| IMO ISSUANCE | SUBJECT / TITLE |
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| MSC.1/Circ.1677 10 October 2024 | VOLUNTARY EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO PARAGRAPHS 4.2.2 AND 8.4.1 TO 8.4.3 OF THE IGF CODE, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION MSC.551(108) |
| MSC.1/Circ.1656 14 November 2024 | GMDSS OPERATING GUIDANCE FOR SHIPS IN DISTRESS SITUATIONS |
| MSC.1/Circ.566 17 January 2025 | PROVISIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF TRIALS IN WHICH THE OFFICER OF THE NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ACTS AS THE SOLE LOOK-OUT IN PERIODS OF DARKNESS |
| MSC.1/Circ.733 17 January 2025 | Officer of the navigational watch acting as the sole look-out in periods of darkness |
| MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.5 05 February 2025 | GUIDANCE ON THE VALIDITY OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND USED ON SHIPS |
| MSC.1/Circ.1688 07 February 2025 | RECOMMENDATIONS TO NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO PREVENT COLLISIONS WITH FISHING VESSELS |
| MSC.1/Circ.797/Rev.41 07 February 2025 | TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING List of competent persons maintained by the Secretary-General pursuant to section A-I/7 of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code |

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| MSC.1/Circ.1686 12 February 2025 | AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE (IAMSAR) MANUAL |
| MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.29 13 February 2025 | INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978 Promulgation of information related to reports of independent evaluation submitted by Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that Parties are giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention |
| MSC.1/Circ.1630/Rev.3 17 February 2025 | REVISED STANDARDIZED LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE EVALUATION AND TEST REPORT FORMS (SURVIVAL CRAFT) |
| MSC.1/Circ.1276/Rev.2 26 February 2025 | REVISED UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2 |
| MSC.1/Circ.1631/Rev.1 26 February 2025 | REVISED STANDARDIZED LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE EVALUATION AND TEST REPORT FORMS (RESCUE BOATS) |
| MSC.1/Circ.1685 26 February 2025 | UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-1 |
| MSC.1/Circ.1683 26 February 2025 | UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS REGULATION II-2/4.5.6.1, AND PARAGRAPHS 3.1.2, 3.1.4 AND 3.5.3 OF THE IBC CODE |
| MSC.1/Circ.1682 26 February 2025 | UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS REGULATIONS III/20.8.4 AND 20.11, AND RESOLUTION MSC.402(96) |
| MSC.1/Circ.1632/Rev.1 26 February 2025 | REVISED STANDARDIZED LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE EVALUATION AND TEST REPORT FORMS (LAUNCHING AND EMBARKATION APPLIANCES) |
| MSC.1/Circ.1628/Rev.3 26 February 2025 | REVISED STANDARDIZED LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE EVALUATION AND TEST REPORT FORMS (PERSONAL LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES) |
| MSC.1/Circ.677/Rev.1 26 February 2025 | REVISED STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, TESTING AND LOCATING OF DEVICES TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF FLAME INTO CARGO TANKS IN TANKERS |
| MSC.1/Circ.1684 26 February 2025 | UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2 |
| MSC.1/Circ.1681 11 March 2025 | VOLUNTARY EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 16 OF THE IGC CODE, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION MSC.566(109) |
| MSC.1/Circ.1687 11 March 2025 | INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFETY OF SHIPS USING AMMONIA AS FUEL |
| MSC.1/Circ.1518/Rev.2 14 April 2025 | INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS), 1974, AS AMENDED |




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| | Promulgation of rules for the design and construction of bulk carriers and oil tankers confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to be in conformity with the Goal-based Ship Construction Standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution MSC.287(87)) |
| Circular of common interest to the Maritime Safety and Facilitation Committees | |
| MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.3 15 April 2025 | GUIDELINES ON MARITIME CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT |
| Circular of common interest to the MSC and Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) | |
| MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.23 18 February 2025 | NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE |

A copy of the IMO Issuances 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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