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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 JUNE 2025

Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 30 June 2025:

- 1. Circular Letter No. 5027 – Communication from the Government of Türkiye** – The Government of Türkiye sent a communication to the IMO, dated 21 May 2025, addressing "speculative statements" made by a delegation regarding its NAVTEX area and search and rescue region (SRR). Türkiye asserts that its NAVTEX service areas and SRRs are legitimate and operate in accordance with international practice and IMO documents, emphasizing that SRRs are established for humanitarian purposes and do not imply sovereignty. The communication also briefly touches upon the Cyprus issue, stating that the Republic of Cyprus, established in 1960 as a partnership, was unilaterally violated in 1963, and therefore, the Greek Cypriot side does not legitimately represent the entire island, with the Turkish Cypriots being represented by the Government of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- 2. Circular Letter No. 5034 – Communication from the Republic of Indonesia** – A communication from the Republic of Indonesia announcing the upcoming publication of the "Passage Planning Guide to the Lombok and Sunda Straits, Indonesia, 2026-2027 Edition". Developed in collaboration with Witherby Publishing Group (WPG), this guide provides comprehensive and up-to-date information for shipping companies and seafarers to enhance passage planning, ensure regulatory compliance, and support safe and environmentally responsible operations within the Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) of the Lombok and Sunda Straits. The first edition is set to be published in September 2025.

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- 3. Circular Letter No. 5037 – Communication from the Governments of Estonia and Finland** - The Governments of Estonia and Finland have notified the International Maritime Organization (IMO) about a rise in Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) disruptions—such as jamming and spoofing—affecting European waters, especially in the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Finland. These interferences pose significant threats to maritime safety and operations by compromising critical data related to positioning, speed, and time synchronization, which are essential for navigation systems like GMDSS and AIS. In response, Estonia and Finland have issued a Notice to Mariners, broadcast NAVTEX alerts, and established a joint Electronic Nautical Chart (ENC) Caution Area in the Gulf of Finland to enhance awareness. They have also outlined recommended preparations and measures for vessels to follow during GNSS interference events, stressing the importance of alternative navigation techniques and the crew's navigational expertise.

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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