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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 31 OCTOBER 2025

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Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 31 October 2025:

- 1. Circular Letter No. 5073 - Communication from the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela** - The Venezuelan government has condemned an alleged hostile action by the U.S. Navy destroyer USS Jason Dunham (DDG-109), which it claims illegally assaulted the Venezuelan vessel, Carmen Rosa. The incident involved the U.S. Navy preventing communication and disrupting the fishing activities of the Venezuelan crew, which consisted of nine tuna fishermen, for eight hours. Venezuela describes this as the unlawful use of excessive military force.
- 2. Circular Letter No. 5063 - Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code) Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code) Amendments to the International Code of Safety for High-speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code) Amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) Amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code) Amendments to the Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (resolution MSC.402(96)) Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966** - The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 110th session held from 18 to 27 June 2025, approved draft amendments to the SOLAS Convention, the 2011 ESP, 1994 and 2000 HSC, IP, and LSA Codes, resolution MSC.402(96), and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol. These draft amendments, set out in annexes 1 to 8, are circulated for consideration and possible adoption at the Committee's 111th session, tentatively scheduled from 13 to 22 May 2026.

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3. **Circular Letter No. 5080 - Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code** - The text of the proposed draft amendments to the IMDG Code, set out in the annex, for consideration by the Maritime Safety Committee, at 111th session, with a view to adoption in accordance with article VIII(B)(b)(iv) of the Convention.
4. **Circular Letter No. 5085 - Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI** - Proposed amendments to MARPOL Annex VI from Canada, Norway and the United Kingdom. In accordance with article 16(2)(a) of the Convention, the text of the proposed amendments, given at annex, with a view for consideration for adoption, in accordance with the provisions of article 16(2)(b),(c) and (d) of the said Convention, at the eighty-fourth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee, which will be held at IMO Headquarters on 27 April to 1 May 2026.

Copies 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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