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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 JANUARY 2026

Notice is hereby given on the following attached IMO Circular Letters published as of 31 January 2026:

1. **Circular Letter No. 5100** - A communication from the Government of Slovenia on adoption of Amendments to the Regulation on maritime traffic control and the Rules on the vessel traffic service in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 12, and following the guidelines set out in IMO Resolution A. 1158 (32) (Guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services) for the establishment and commencement of operation of a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) in the Republic of Slovenia.
2. **Circular Letter No. 5112** - The Government of Tonga confirms that its international shipping registry was terminated in 2002 and has not been operated since, nor has any third party been authorized to register vessels on its behalf. As a result, no foreign-owned vessels are entitled to fly the Tongan flag. Any foreign vessels doing so are unauthorized and should be considered stateless under international law due to the absence of valid nationality.

Copy of the Circular Letter 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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