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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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TO : ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPPING COMPANIES OPERATING PHILIPPINE-FLAGGED SHIPS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES, MANNING AGENCIES, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, FLAG STATE, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : GUIDANCE ON THE RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE OF STAMPED EXTENSIONS ON EXPIRING OR EXPIRED SEAFARER'S IDENTIFICATION AND RECORD BOOK (SIRB)

In the exigency and best interest of the service, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) issues this advisory to provide guidance on the acceptance and recognition of stamped extensions on expiring or expired Seafarer's Identification and Record Books (SIRBs). This action serves as a temporary solution in response to the system breakdown that has disrupted the normal issuance processes for Seafarer's Record Books (SRBs) and Seafarer's Identity Documents (SIDs) nationwide.

In accordance with Memorandum Circular No. MD-2024-01[1], specifically Section V, Item 4, a valid SIRB shall continue to serve as valid identity document of Filipino seafarers. Due to the incident, MARINA has implemented the stamping of extensions as an interim measure to ensure the continuous recognition of seafarers' credentials, thereby safeguarding their employment and career progression.

In view thereof, all Licensed Manning Agencies, Shipping Companies, Ship Owners and Operators, Port State Control Authorities, and other relevant authorities are advised to recognize and accept the stamped extensions on SIRBs as valid and binding. This acknowledgment is essential to facilitate the seamless movement and deployment of Filipino seafarers across international waters.

For guidance of all concerned.

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[1] The 2023 Policies, Standards and Guidelines for the Issuance, Revocation and Reissuance of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) and Seafarer's Identity Document (SID)

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