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TO : All Concerned IMO Member States, Concerned Government Agencies, Flag States Authorities, Port Control Authorities, Shipowners/Bareboat Charterers/Ship Operators/Ship Managers/Shipmasters and Seafarers of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Recognized Organizations, and Other Concerned Entities

SUBJECT : FURTHER EXTENSION OF STATUTORY CERTIFICATION AND SERVICES AS A TEMPORARY CONTINGENCY MEASURE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This refers to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-25 dated 09 April 2020 on the extension, **until 31 May 2020**, of surveys and statutory certificates issued by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) or the Recognized Organizations (ROs) acting on behalf of the Administration for Philippine-registered overseas ships. Whereas, this is in response to several requests received by the Administration from the concerned shipping companies/operators and in consistent to the IMO's appeal to members for a practical and pragmatic approach to issues such as survey, certification, licensing etc. under the unprecedented circumstances brought about by this COVID-19 pandemic.

As the shipowners, ship operators, ship management companies continuously experience difficulties in arranging the necessary surveys, audits, repairs, drydocking for Philippine-registered ships engaged in international voyages due to COVID-19 pandemic, the MARINA **FURTHER EXTENDS** the said undertakings until **30 November 2020** or as may be deemed necessary to grant similar requests for further extension for the same reason, without further approval of MARINA. However, in case there is an urgent need to perform a survey on damaged or malfunction equipment onboard which requires urgent attention, the necessary measures should be undertaken for the safety of life at sea as well as the protection of the marine environment.

In view likewise of the declaration of Enhanced Community Quarantine over the Entire Luzon for the management of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation, MARINA personnel have been working from home with applications being processed electronically. Under this temporary contingency measure, and pursuant to Republic Act No. 8792 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, otherwise known as "*Electronic Commerce Act of 2000*", the Administration and Recognized Organizations authorized to act on the Philippines have been issuing electronic copies with e-signatures of letters approval, certificates and other related documents to Philippine overseas ships in lieu of the signed paper Certificates. This is valid and have features that are subject to verification with the MARINA through oss@marina.gov.ph.

In view thereof, and pursuant to FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 dated 20 April 2016, the shipowners, operators and crew on ships that carry and use electronic certificates should ensure that these certificates are controlled through their Safety Management System as required under Section 11 of the International Safety Management Code.

For the information and strict compliance of all concerned.


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