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Circular Letter No.4237/Add.28
13 May 2022

To: All IMO Members
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has sent the attached communication, received on 13 May 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



06 April 2022

HIS EXCELLENCY KITACK LIM

Secretary-General

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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Dear Excellency:

As part of our continuing response to adopt practical and pragmatic approach to ensure the incessant flow of commerce at sea despite the pandemic, the Republic of the Philippines, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), issued MARINA Advisory No. 2022-18 entitled "*Further Amendment of MARINA Advisory No. 2021-32 Extending the Coverage of Extension of Validity of Expiring SIRB for Filipino Seafarers Currently Onboard Ships Operating Overseas*"

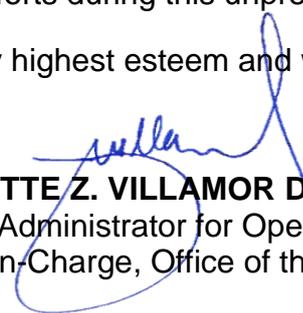
This Advisory is in realization that another extension of validity of Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) is needed for Filipino seafarers who could not yet disembark their vessels and be safely repatriated because of the restrictions imposed by several countries.

MARINA Advisory No. 2022-18 effectively grants the extension of all Seafarers Identification and Record (SIRB) for all Filipino seafarers currently onboard ships operating overseas for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry for those SIRB which are expiring between 01 January 2022 to 31 July 2022 without the need to file for an application at MARINA.

Relative thereto, we respectfully request the assistance of the IMO to bring this information to the attention of all concerned through circulation of the attached MARINA Advisory.

Accept, Your Excellency, our assurances that the Republic of the Philippines, through the MARINA, is steadfast in its commitment to fully support the IMO in all its efforts during this unprecedented time.

With my highest esteem and warmest regards,



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Deputy Administrator for Operations
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Administrator

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Philippine Permanent Mission to IMO
 2. Atty. Ana Marie Hernando
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MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2022 – 18
Series of 2022

TO : ALL FILIPINO SEAFARERS, LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : FURTHER AMENDMENT OF MARINA ADVISORY 2021-32 EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF EXPIRING SIRB FOR FILIPINO SEAFARERS CURRENTLY ONBOARD SHIPS OPERATING OVERSEAS

In view of the continuing effect and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the seafarers and the international shipping, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) realized the need for another extension of validity of Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) of Filipino seafarers who could not yet disembark their vessels and be safely repatriated due to restrictions imposed by several countries.

To alleviate the plight of the Filipino seafarer, and with reference to the MARINA Advisory No. 2021 -32 dated 11 June 2021, notice is hereby given of its further amendment, to provide as follows:

"xxx..."

"All Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) that are expiring between 01 January 2022 to 31 July 2022 shall be extended and considered valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry thereof without the need to file for its renewal at the MARINA. This applies to SIRB of all Filipino Seafarers who are still ONBOARD at the time of the expiry of their respective SIRB.

xxx..."

FINALLY, all manning agencies and shipping companies concerned are hereby directed to submit to MARINA the list of their crew members whose validity of SIRB has been extended pursuant to this Advisory. An electronic copy of the said information shall be submitted via e-mail at mds_scdd@marina.gov.ph following the attached template in Annex A.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator

Date of Publication: 10 March 2022
Business Mirror

Date of Submission to ONAR:

Annex A

Date

The Director II
Manpower Development Service
Maritime Industry Authority

Dear Madam:

Hereunder are the names of crewmember/s of (Name of Company) whose SRB/SIRB have been extended pursuant to MARINA Advisory No. dated _____.

Name of Seafarer	Position/ Rank	Date of Expiry	Name of Ship	Name of Shipowner/ Operator

For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

(Name and Signature of Authorized Official)



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

AUG 04 2021

HIS EXCELLENCY KITACK LIM
Secretary-General
International Maritime Organization (IMO)
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Dear Excellency:

The Philippines through the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) extends its greetings to the Secretary General and the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and expresses its full support in your call to adopt and apply practical and pragmatic approach to ensure uninterrupted flow of commerce by sea at this unprecedented time.

It is noted that the IMO Secretary General, in his message to the member states implore the aid of the maritime administration to consider the seafarers as essential workers during this unprecedented time.

In response, this Office issued MARINA Advisory No. 2021-32 which has effectively granted extension of Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) or Seafarers Identification and Record Book (SIRB) for seafarers currently onboard ships and ashore operating both domestic and overseas for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry for those SIRB/SRB which are expiring between 01 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 without the need to file for an application at MARINA.

Relative thereto, we respectfully request the assistance of the IMO to bring this information to the attention of all concerned through circulation of the attached MARINA Advisory.

The Philippines expresses its highest cooperation in your efforts to ensure continuous flow of commerce by sea amidst this pandemic.

Very truly yours,


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator

cc: 1. **Director Sonia B. Malaluan**
Maritime Attaché in London PE
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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2021-32

Series of 2021

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES / SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : FURTHER AMENDMENT OF MARINA ADVISORY 2020- 91 ON EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF EXPIRING SIRB/SRB FOR SEAFARERS CURRENTLY ONBOARD SHIPS OPERATING BOTH IN DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS

To facilitate the conduct of crew change, the Maritime Industry Authority realized the need for another extension of validity of the Seafarers' Record Book (SRB) or Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) of Filipino seafarers who could not disembark their vessels and be safely repatriated due to travel restrictions imposed by several countries.

To alleviate the plight of the Filipino seafarer, and with reference to the MARINA Advisory No. 2020 - 91 dated 18 December 2020, notice is hereby given of its further amendment, to provide as follows:

"All Seafarer's Record Book (SRB) or Seafarers' Identification and Record Book (SIRB) expiring between 01 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 shall be extended for a period of one (1) year from the date of expiry without the need to file for its renewal at the MARINA. This applies to SRB or SIRB of all Filipino Seafarers who are ONBOARD at the time of the expiry of their respective SIRB or SRB. xxx."

FURTHER, all concerned manning/crewing agencies and shipping companies are hereby directed to submit to MARINA the list of their crew members whose validity of SIRB/SRB have been extended pursuant to this Advisory. An electronic copy of the said information shall be submitted via e-mail at mds@marina.gov.ph following the attached template in Annex A.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator

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