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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 05-12-2019**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO SECTION II.A.3, SECTION II.A.4 AND SECTION II.C. OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 4-2-92, "AMENDMENTS TO THE 1974 SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA CONVENTION (MC 2-2-82) CONCERNING RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM"**

Pursuant to Act No. 3846, as amended, the provisions of Chapter IV of the 1974 Safety of Life at Sea Convention, as amended, concerning radio communications for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, and in view of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) dated 05 April 2019, Section II.A.3, Section II.A.4 and Section II.C of Memorandum Circular 4-2-92 are hereby amended, as follows:

Section II. Issuance of Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate

A. General Procedures

3. The NTC, through its duly authorized representatives, shall conduct inspection of the radio installation of a cargo vessel located in a Philippine port for the purpose of issuing a Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate. For Philippine registered vessels located in a foreign port, the NTC may authorize a MARINA accredited Recognized Organization (Classification Society) to carry out the statutory certification particularly on Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate of Philippine registered vessels, on behalf of the NTC.
4. Issuance of Certificate of Accreditation to Recognized Organizations (Classification Societies)
  - 4.1 The NTC shall no longer issue the Certificate of Accreditation to Recognized Organizations (Classification Societies) and henceforth acknowledge the Recognized Organizations duly accredited by the MARINA pursuant to their authority to confer accreditation to Recognized Organizations;
  - 4.2 The NTC shall obtain from MARINA on a regular basis the updated list of their accredited Recognized Organizations;
  - 4.3 The NTC in coordination with MARINA, shall singly or jointly conduct assessment and/or audit of Recognized Organizations in order to monitor compliance with the provisions of the Recognized Organization Code and MARINA Circular No. 2018-01, including its subsequent amendments, as may be deemed necessary.

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C. Issued Certificate by a Classification Society

A Certificate issued by any MARINA Recognized Organization/Classification Society shall have the same force and receive the same recognition as a Certificate issued by the NTC.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon filing with the UP Law Center of three (3) true copies of the Circular.

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