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Memorandum Circular
Number _____

Subject: Guidelines for the Accreditation Recognized Organization (Classification Society) and the Issuance of Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate for Philippine Registered Ships Engaged in International Voyages

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 546 dated 28 July 1979, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) is mandated to prescribe rules and regulations, as public safety and interest may require, including but not limited to, the grant of permits, certificates and licenses for wired and wireless radio communications systems, sub-allocate the series of frequencies of bands allocated by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), supervise and inspect the operation of radio stations and telecommunications facilities, among others;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 474, Executive Order Nos. 125/125-A, Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations, 1997, as amended and the International Maritime Organization ((MO) Maritime Safety Circular (MSC) No. 349 (92) on Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code), Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC).237 (65) and the International Labor Organization, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) has issued Circular No. 2018-01 prescribing rules on the accreditation of Recognized Organizations performing statutory certification and services for Philippine shipping companies and their Philippine registered ships, on behalf of the Administration;

WHEREAS, the NTC, as the sole regulator of radio communications services and pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 4-2-92, issues Certificate of Accreditation to its Recognized Organizations (Classification Societies) to perform statutory certification and conduct inspection of Philippine-registered ships;

WHEREAS, under MARINA Circular No. 2018-01, Recognized Organizations prior to performing statutory certification and other services, on behalf of the Philippine government are required to secure a Certificate of Accreditation and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Administration (MARINA);

WHEREAS, both the NTC and MARINA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on 05 April 2019, and agreed that they will cooperate with each other on matters regarding the accreditation of Recognized Organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the NTC issues the following guidelines for the Accreditation of Recognized Organization (Classification Society) and the issuance of Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate, to wit:



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1. The NTC shall no longer issue the Certificate of Accreditation to its Recognized Organization (Classification Society) but shall acknowledge the Recognized Organizations duly accredited by the MARINA pursuant to their authority to confer accreditation to Recognized Organizations;
2. 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, MARINA, through its accredited Recognized Organizations, shall carry out the statutory certification particularly on Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate of Philippine registered vessels on behalf of the NTC;
3. Under the MOA, the MARINA shall provide the NTC with a list of their accredited Recognized Organizations, with existing Memorandum of Agreements with them;
4. Both the NTC and the MARINA, in the exercise of their regulatory mandate, shall singly or jointly conduct assessment or audit of Recognized Organizations, to monitor compliance with the provisions of the RO Code and MARINA Circular No. 2018-01, respectively, including its subsequent amendments, as may deemed necessary.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval, and supersedes any Order, Circular on Instructions or part thereof which is inconsistent herewith.

Done in Quezon City on _____.

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