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DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 02
Series of 2024

Prohibition for Filipino Seafarers On-Board Passenger/Cruise Ships to Sail in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden

Pursuant to Advisory No. 06, Series of 2024 on the amended ITF/IBF High-Risk and Warlike Areas as well as the agreement reached during the Maritime Industry Tripartite Council (MITC) meeting on 19 March 2024 relative to the call to intensify measures to ensure the safety and welfare of ships traversing the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, it is imperative for the government, Licensed Manning Agencies (LMAs), and all stakeholders to ensure the continued safety and security of our seafarers employed on passenger/cruise ships.

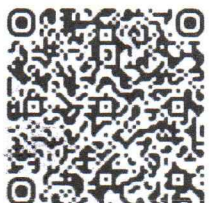
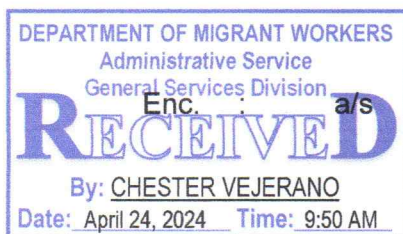
As such, all Filipino seafarers to be employed for passenger/cruise vessels shall not be allowed to traverse on the above mentioned zones effective immediately.

To effect this directive, the following guidelines shall be adopted:

1. All LMAs shall execute an **affirmation letter** that the ship to be boarded by their respective seafarers will not pass through the Gulf of Aden and Red Sea and indicate the itinerary of the vessel every time it documents the employment contract of the crew or prior to their deployment. A sample of said letter is attached, for ready reference.
2. The seafarers to be assigned to passenger/cruise ships are likewise required to affix their signatures to indicate their concurrence to the said affirmation letter, confirming knowledge that the vessel they will be boarding will not traverse the aforementioned WOAs.
3. The affirmation letter duly executed by the LMAs and with the conforme of the seafarers shall be uploaded in the DMW Online Processing System for Sea-based (DOPS-Sea) together with the processed one-page covering Standard Employment Contract (SEC).
4. In case of manual processing, the affirmation letter shall form part of the required documents being submitted at the Sea-based Accreditation Bureau (SBAB).

For information and immediate compliance.


HANS LEO J. CACDAC
Officer-in-Charge



SAMPLE LETTER

AFFIRMATION LETTER

TO : DEPARTMENT OF MIGRANT WORKERS

SUBJECT : Non-Passage of the Passenger/Cruise Ship with Filipino Crew
On-board in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden

DATE : *(Indicate the Date of Processing)*

This is to confirm that the vessel Name of Vessel (IMO/Official No.), currently enrolled to Name of Licensed Manning Agency (LMA) under its accredited principal/employer Name of Principal/Employer, to be boarded by our recruited seafarer Complete Name of Seafarer as Position, will not be traversing the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Furthermore, our agency confirms that we have briefed the aforesaid seafarer on the intended itinerary of the vessel, including the information that the ship will not sail on the aforementioned areas with Filipino crew on-board due to potential risks associated with traversing these areas.

Very truly yours,

(signature)

*Name of Authorized Signatory
Position*

Conforme:

(signature)

Name of Seafarer