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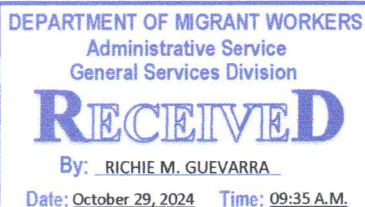
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ALL CONCERNED LOCAL MANNING AGENCIES AND CRUISE SHIP SEAFARERS

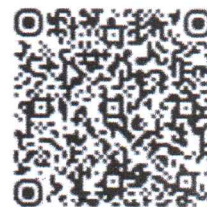
In view of the increasing incidents of arrests and detention of Filipino seafarers working onboard cruise ships in the United States due to child pornography — and sex - related offenses, all local manning agencies deploying seafarers to cruise ships and all Filipino seafarers joining and currently onboard cruise ships in the United States are advised of the following:

A. Concerned Local Manning Agencies

1. Manning agencies are advised to further strengthen their Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar by incorporating modules dealing with issues of child pornography and sexual violence toward minors and adults, taking into account the following:
 - a. Republic Act No. 11930, otherwise known as "*Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act*" aims to protect every child from all forms of abuse or exploitation by providing sanctions and penalties for the commission of unlawful or prohibited acts as enumerated under Section 4 such as, but not limited to the following:
 - i. To willfully subscribe, join, donate to, or support an internet site that hosts OSAEC or the streaming or live-streaming of child sexual abuse and exploitation
 - ii. To possess any form of CSAEM
 - iii. To willfully access any form of CSAEM
 - b. United States federal and state laws criminalize the production or promotion of child pornography and prosecute individuals who possess, view, transport, and distribute child pornography even if committed within private areas.
 - c. Sexual violence toward minors and adults including rape, touching of private parts, voyeurism, exhibitionism, and undesired exposure to pornography, among others, are considered felonies under US laws.



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- d. The commission of the above-mentioned offenses is punishable by years of imprisonment and hefty fines.
2. Manning agencies and principals shall cooperate with law enforcement authorities that are investigating allegations of child pornography and other sex-related offense. They are likewise reminded of their responsibility to provide accused seafarers with competent legal assistance and representation during search, arrest, custodial investigation, and preliminary hearings. Manning agencies and principals shall also coordinate with the DMW to ensure that the accused seafarers have access to legal representation in all stages of investigation and prosecution of cases against the said seafarers.

Concerned manning agencies are required to submit to the Department of Migrant Workers their report of compliance with items A. 1-2 within 30 days from the date of issuance of this Advisory.

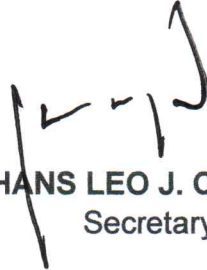
B. Concerned Filipino Seafarers

1. Filipino seafarers are reminded of their duty to conduct themselves in the most professional, responsible, and ethical manner during their employment. They are duty-bound to respect host country mores, customs, traditions, and laws.
2. Do not, under any circumstances, download, possess, view, transport, distribute, nor sell child pornography, as well as subscribe to child pornography sites. These activities can be tracked and monitored by law enforcement agents of the United States.

Child pornography is a worst form of exploitation of children. Patronizing child pornography through subscription, possession, viewing, distribution and selling perpetuates exploitation of children, which can never be tolerated

3. Workers should never involve themselves in a situation that may lead to commission of sexual violence as described above.

For information and guidance of all concerned.


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