

[MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 122, July 01, 1998]

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT (ISM) CODE

Pursuant to the mandate of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) under Executive Order No. 125/125-A to undertake safety regulatory functions pertaining to ship construction and operation, and consistent with the provisions of the International Management Code of the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code) as adopted by IMO Resolution A. 741 (18), and made mandatory as new Chapter IX of the International Convention for the Safety of Life and Sea (SOLAS, 1974 as amended), the Board approved the implementation of the ISM Code subject to the following policy guidelines:

I Coverage

This circular shall apply to all Philippine registered ships engaged in international voyages, regardless of the date of construction, as follows:

- a. passenger ships including passenger high-speed craft, not later than 01 July 1998;
- b. oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high speed craft of 500 gross tonnage and upwards, not later than 01 July 1998; and
- c. other cargo ships and mobile offshore drilling units 500 gross tonnage and upwards, not later than 01 July 2002.

II Definition of Terms

For purposes of this Circular the following terms are hereby defined; however, the Code's, definition of other terms not enumerated herein are deemed to form part hereon:

1. "Administration" refers to the Maritime Industry Authority
2. "Code" means the Internationally Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention.
3. "Company" means the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as the manger, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship from the shipowner and who on assuming such responsibility has agreed to take over all the duties ad responsibility imposed by the Code.
4. "Safety Management System" (SMS) means a structured and documented system enabling company personnel to effectively implement the company's safety and