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TO : ALL LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES/SHIPPING COMPANIES/OPERATOR/ CHARTERERS, FILIPINO SEAFARERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REGISTRATION OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS IN THE MARINA COVID-19 VACCINATION REGISTRATION PORTAL

In support of the government's effort to accelerate the inoculation of Filipino seafarers against the corona virus disease (COVID) and in order to facilitate the verification of vaccination records, particularly those that may be undertaken by port state control authorities, all persons and entities mentioned above are enjoined to undertake or disseminate the following information;

1. All Licensed Manning Agencies, Shipping Companies, Charterers, Domestic Shipping or Boat Operators are requested to make mandatory for their seafarers to register in the MARINA COVID 19 Vaccination Registration Portal at <https://seafarers-covac.marina.gov.ph>

a. Upon registration, seafarers who have received or completed their vaccination shots must update their records by uploading the vaccination record or card they received from or issued by appropriate authorities within and outside of the Philippines.

b. Seafarers who have yet to receive their COVID19 vaccines shall likewise be required for those who intend to avail of the vaccine in MARINA led inoculation drive for Filipino seafarers. The list to be generated shall be the basis for the request for the allocation for vaccines which when available, the MARINA will communicate to waitlisted seafarers of the date, venue and time for their vaccination.

2. Licensed Manning Agencies and Domestic Shipping Companies that have not yet enrolled in the MARINA COVID 19 Vaccination Registration Portal are advised to send email to covax@mail.marina.gov.ph for the creation of their accounts containing the following: Name of LMA or Domestic Shipping Company; Name of Authorized Representative and email address of the Authorized Representative. Thereafter, Log-In Credentials for Manning shall be sent to the registered email address.

3. Filipino seafarers without a licensed manning agency as yet and those who are intending to be employed on-board ship and are in possession of a valid Seafarers' Record Book (SRB) or a valid Seafarers' Identification Document (SID) are likewise directed to comply with Item 1 (a) and (b) above.

4. If and when Port State Control authorities in the future will undertake verification of vaccination details of Filipino seafarers, particularly those employed in ocean-going ships, the MARINA will only attest as to the existence or non-existence of such record in its database. Further, the MARINA shall not be held responsible for the failure of a seafarer to update his/her record if such or similar situation will arise while in foreign ports.

5. Consistent with the provisions of RA 10173 otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2021, vaccination record of a Filipino seafarer, subject to his consent, if existing in the database, may be shared and used as basis solely for the issuance of an internally recognized vaccination card that may be entered into mutual arrangement between the MARINA and the designated competent authority.

6. Instructional guide on how to navigate the MARINA COVID19 Vaccination Registration Portal may be accessed or downloaded at <https://marina.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COVAX.pdf>

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


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