MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 17
Series of 1991

TO : ALL FILIPINO SEAFARERS, MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPOWNERS AND PRINCIPALS EMPLOYING FILIPINO SEAFARERS

SUBJECT : Modification of War Risk Premium Pay in the Arabian Gulf and Lifting of Such Payment in Israeli Ports

In view of the current cessation of hostilities in the Arabian Gulf and after tripartite consultations with the sectors concerned, this Administration, by virtue of its power to update the definition of war risk area and payment of its corresponding premium pay, hereby modify the payment of war risk premium for Filipino seafarers sailing and/or operating within the area of the Arabian Gulf defined under Memorandum Circular No. 01, Series of 1991 to North of latitude 27°30 North and West of longitude 50° East.

Payment of said premium within Israeli ports and waters defined under Memorandum Circular No. 07, Series of 1991 is hereby lifted.

This circular shall take effect immediately.

08 March 1991

JOSE N. SARMIENTO
Administrator
Those present in the meeting were the following:

1. Director Angeles Wong - Presiding Officer
2. Director Regina B. Dacanay - POEA
3. Mr. Vicente Aldanese - FAME
4. Capt. Gregorio Oca - AMOSUP
5. Mr. Charlie Salinas - FSA
6. Capt. Vicente Oca - PAMAS
7. Mr. Danny Pajares - ALU-TUCP
8. Atty Alex Cruz - POEA
9. Jay Baluyot - POEA

The meeting was called by POEA in relation to a number of queries being received by the Administration in view of the recent development in the Gulf war. Below were the highlights of the meeting:

- Director Wong, who presided the meeting upon instruction by Administrator Jose Sarmiento, presented to the group that due to the recent ceasefire in the Gulf, major shipping associations have either amended their war risk agreements or terminated such agreements all together.

- For instance, the Danish Shipowners’ Association and the Danish Seafarers’ Union have terminated their war risk agreements both in the Arabian Gulf and Israeli ports. The directive took effect 04 March 1991.

- On the other hand, the Norwegian shipping and Offshore Federation have given termination notice of their previous war risk bonus agreement for seafarers working in the Arabian Gulf and the Mediterranean Coast of Israel. However, the said Association would still be upholding the area within North of 27°30’N and West of 125°30’E in the Arabian Gulf.

- Meanwhile, the General Council of British shipping has also amended their war risk agreement for British seafaring personnel. The adjustment is from the current area West of 35°00 East to North of 27°30 North.
RESOLUTION:

It was the consensus of the group to come out with a new Memorandum Circular (MC) that would modify previous MCs on war risk premium pay. The amendment, set to take effect midnight today, will now exclude Israeli Ports from the war zone but will still uphold the area within North of 27° 30' Min' North and West of 50° East in the Arabian Gulf.

Having been able to discuss the matter at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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