MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 31
Series of 1988

TO : All Filipino Seamen, Manning Agencies, Shipowners and Principals Employing Filipino Crew

SUBJECT : Lifting of War Zone Bonus With Exception of Some Areas

DATE : 23 September 1988

In view of the continuous queries in relation to payment of the war zone bonus to Filipino crew during the current ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, the Tripartite Technical Working Group met again to reconsider the present situation in the Persian Gulf. Noting that acts of war have ceased since August 20, 1988 and after considering the interest and welfare of both employers and seafarers, this Administration, on the recommendation of said working group, hereby suspends the payment of the 100% premium pay for Filipino seamen sailing and/or operating within the Persian Gulf, effective September 23, 1988, 0100 hours GMT (0900 hours, Manila time), except the area outside the rivers Shatt Al Arab and Khor Musa, limited by :

1. N 29°55′- E 48°30′, Ras Al Bisha, Iraq
   South-Eastwards

2. N 29°15′- E 49°00′
   East-North-East

3. N 29°32′- E 49°32′, Khor Musa Lightship
   Northwards to

4. N 30°00′- E 49°32′, Ras Bargan, Iran.

This Circular takes effect immediately.

[Signature]
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Administrator