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TO : ALL MANNING & PRIVATE PLACEMENT AGENCIES, CONSTRUCTION & SERVICE CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT : VIDEO CASSETTES/TAPES PROHIBITED IN UAE

The Administration received a copy of a telex message from a manning agency sent to its principal by the latter's agent Gray Dubai, stating as follows:

1. There are still crewmembers arriving at UAE airports carrying video tapes with them;

2. Customs authorities are now retaining passports of crew found in possession of tapes and a delay of at least 20-25 days can be anticipated before the tapes and passports are released;

3. Even family/home tapes are not allowed into UAE without inspection;

4. At this moment it is no longer possible to have the tapes confiscated and the passports released; and

5. Please inform departing seafarers accordingly.

Considering that our overseas contract workers are fond of bringing along said items, the POEA in anticipation of any untoward incidents involving not only seamen, but landbased workers as well, deems it proper to enjoin all licensed agencies/entities to disseminate the foregoing information to the departing workers during PDOS and/or supplemental briefings.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Administrator

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