



STEAMSHIP MUTUAL

To the Members

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Dear Sirs,

Introduction of the Compulsory Insurance provisions of the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as Amended by Republic Act No. 10022

The Club has been advised that the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) has issued its Governing Board Resolution and Memorandum Circular in respect of compulsory insurance provision for overseas workers and both documents have been published in the Manila press. The introduction of the compulsory insurance benefits detailed within the Amended Migrant Workers Act (AMWA) and discussed within recent Club Circulars will commence with effect from 6th November 2010.

A policy of insurance for each individual crewmember who is newly deployed to a vessel or returns with a new contract on or after 6th November 2010 will be required. The manning agent is obliged to purchase this insurance via the domestic market in the Philippines.

Although the POEA has indicated that Certificates of Cover (COC) issued by manning agents are an acceptable means of evidencing compliance with the Compulsory Insurance provisions of the AMWA, Members were advised (in the Club's Circular of September 2010) that some of the entitlements provided to crewmembers under the Act are not met by entry in the Association.

Accordingly, whilst an application for Overseas Employment Certificates, on the basis of Club entry, seems likely to be acceptable to the POEA, Members are reminded that certain benefits under that Act cannot be covered by the Club. However, it appears that Members will be able to obtain full insurance for all of the crew benefits required under the AMWA from locally based and approved Philippine insurance companies. In all cases the decision concerning how to comply is for each Member in the light of individual circumstances.

(For background please see Club Circulars B.516 of July 2010 and B.530 of September 2010.)

Yours faithfully,

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