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Ministry of Interior, letter No. 1/1/2019-DS(FIA) dated 13-12-2019

In pursuance of Section 127 of MSO – 2001 and Para-10 (iii) (a) of the Pakistan Merchant Marine Policy – 2001, “Pakistan Articles of Agreement” and “No Objection Certificate” issued by Government Shipping Office are not mandatory for allowing the seafarers at airports to proceed abroad for joining foreign flag merchant vessels.

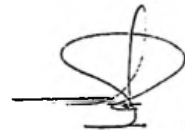
2. Seafarers engaged / supplied by registered manning agency are required to carry following documents for clearance at airport Immigration:

- i. Valid Passport / Visa
- ii. Valid Seamen Service Book (SSB)
- iii. Valid Seafarer Identity Document (SID) Card
- iv. Letter from registered Manning Agency of Pakistan which arranges the employment of seafarer.
- v. Letter of employment from ship-owner.
- vi. Copy of valid Manning Agency License / Provisional Permission.

3. All Registered Manning Agencies are advised that:

- i. In accordance with Section-127 of MSO – 2001, it shall remain the right of engaged seafarer to opt for signing-on at Government Shipping Office, Karachi. In such case, the existing procedure of signing-on at Government Shipping Office shall be followed, however, Immigration requirement at para-2 may be followed for proceeding abroad.
- ii. Complete record / details of assignment of the seafarer(s) who has been engaged / supplied without entering into “Pakistan Article of Agreement,” will be submitted to the Government Shipping Office, Karachi within seven (07) days of departure of such seafarer(s) from Pakistan.

4. Above directives may be complied with immediate effect.



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All Registered Manning Agencies, Karachi.

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