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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

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SUBJECT : 2020 Edition of the National Security Program for Sea Transport and Maritime Infrastructure

DATE : March 10, 2020

Pursuant to EO No. 277, as amended by EO No. 311, OTS, as part of its mandate to ensure the security of the three modes of transportation, formulates, develops, and implements the National Security Program for Sea Transport and Maritime Infrastructure; and as mandated by Department Order No. 2004-29 to perform the functions of the Designated Authority and Administration provided in the ISPS Code, adopted under SOLAS 1974 Convention, as amended through Chapter XI-2, "Special measures to enhance maritime security"; hereby issues the 2020 edition of the NSPSTMI, as approved by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation on February 27, 2020.

I. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This Memorandum Circular (MC) covers all ships engage in domestic voyage, port and port facilities catering to such ships, as well as vessels which may hereafter be covered and applies to all ship, port, and port facility operators and concerned entities or those involved in or responsible for maritime security.

II. POLICY GUIDANCE

The NSPSTMI is a living document that needs to be reviewed, revised, and updated, as necessary, to adapt to changing security environment or augment existing security measures and procedures designed to protect the maritime transportation system.

The 2020 edition of the NSPSTMI provides for the protection of the domestic maritime domain from terrorism and other unlawful acts.

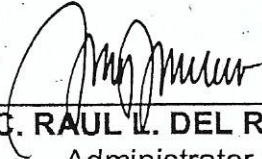
III. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. **Construction.** This Circular shall be liberally construed in order to promote its maritime security objectives;
- B. **Reservation.** Nothing in this Circular shall be construed as precluding OTS, through its Administrator, from enforcing the provisions enunciated herein and from prescribing the requirements to meet the constantly evolving challengers in the security of all modes of transportation.
- C. **Repeal.** All orders, regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- D. **Separability.** If any provisions or sections of this Circular are declared null and void by competent authority, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

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E. **Effectivity** – This Circular shall take effect immediately. A copy of this Circular shall be deposited with the University of the Philippine Law Center in compliance with the Revised Administrative Code.



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Administrator



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