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To: **MARINE COMMITTEE**

Copy: **All Full and Associate Members (for information)**

PHILIPPINES PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES - CHARGING FOR COASTAL SURVEILLANCE

Action Required: Members are invited to distribute an update on charges for coastal surveillance levied by the Province of Zambales in the Philippines.

This circular forwards an official letter (Annex A) on the subject of the charges levied by the Philippines' Province of Zambales for coastal surveillance. The letter is the first official written notification that invoices raised against ships that transited the coastal waters of Zambales should not be paid.

It is expected that further official communication will be received in the near future with final confirmation. However member shipping companies should be advised that there is no need to make payments to satisfy invoices raised by Zambales for coastal surveillance.

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FILIPINO SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Subject: Suspension of the Implementation of Provincial Ordinance No. 28, s. of 2015 of Provincial Board of Zambales

Attention: **Atty. Augusto Arreza, Jr.**

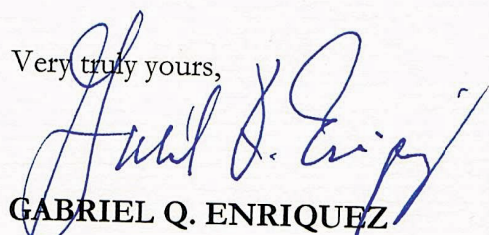
Gentlemen:

In connection with the subject, we have used good offices and personal coordination with the Provincial Board of Zambales since October 2015. On November 16, 2015, I attended the session of the Provincial Board of Zambales. The letter of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) including the letter of Filipino Shipowners Association (FSA), which we represent, both recommending suspension of the implementation of the Provincial Ordinance No. 28, s. 2015 entitled ORDINANCE FOR THE PROVINCIAL COAST WATCH SURVEILLANCE AND ENVIRONMENT MONITORING SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES was being deliberated on in the Committee on Environment and as well as in the Committee on Laws chaired by Board Member Renato Collado.

In the afternoon, after the session was concluded, I spoke with Board Member Collado in the presence of several board members and I was advised that we can inform the members of FSA and other similarly situated shipping entities that they can suspend payment of the fees and charges imposed under the said ordinance pending review of the said Provincial Ordinance.

For your guidance and information.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Office of the Board Member Renato Collado
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