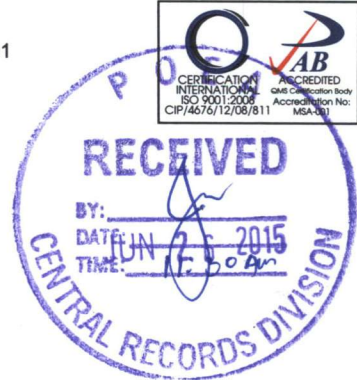




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**SAMOA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME AUTHORITY (SIMA) NOT
AUTHORIZED BY THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF SAMOA**

The Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office-Department of Foreign Affairs received a copy of the Note Verbale of the Independent State of Samoa through the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo informing all Diplomatic Missions, the Delegation of the European Union and International Organizations that the **Government of the Independent State of Samoa has not authorized the establishment and operation of the so-called "Samoa International Maritime Authority ("SIMA")** to perform functions of ships registration and crew certification of Samoa overseas, operating through the website www.maritimesamoa.com allegedly out of Thailand and the United Kingdom. The said website used, without authorization, the name, flag and crest of the Independent State of Samoa.

The Embassy of Samoa categorically confirms that the operations of "SIMA" are fraudulent, illegal and do not in any way represent the Government of the Independent State of Samoa.

Copy of the Note Verbale is being attached, for the information of the public.

For the guidance all of concerned.

[Handwritten Signature]
HANS LEO J. CACDAC
Administrator

Source: Note Verbale
Embassy of the Independent State of Samoa, Tokyo
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