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TO **All Maritime Regional Offices/ Shipping Companies/ Ship Owners/ Operators and All concerned**

SUBJECT **WEARING OF LIFEJACKET DURING BOARDING AND PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BY ALL PASSENGERS OF VESSELS IN THE DOMESTIV TRADE**

In line with the declared national policy to enhance maritime safety, all operators/ owners of vessels duly documented for domestic trade which vessels could not enter port or are unable to dock alongside for reasons such as low tide; constructions of port facilities, engine failure etc., and have to transfer their passengers to another vessel/ferry boat/ Motorbanca/ banca to enable them to reach the designated port, shall require every passenger to wear the lifejacket when transferring to/ boarding another vessel; prior to disembarkation from the vessel; and all times during the voyage to the designated port for disembarkation.

Failure to comply with the foregoing shall be subject to the following penalties after due notice and hearing:

FIRST OFFENSE	-	P 500.00 for every passenger found to be without lifejacket plus warning
SECOND OFFENSE	-	P 1,000.00 for every passenger found to be without lifejacket and/or suspension of CPA/PA/SP

For guidance and strict compliance.

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