

**Republic of the Philippines**  
**Department of Transportation and Communications**  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**

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**FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY NO. 24**

Series of 2002

**TO ALL MARINA REGIONAL OFFICES, SHIPPING COMPANIES/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS, AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER AND/OR CARGO LINER VESSELS DURING LENTEN SEASON FROM 22 MARCH TO 01 APRIL 2002**

Pursuant to the Public Service Act (Commonwealth Act No. 146), Presidential Decree No. 474, Executive Order 125/125-A, Memorandum Circular Nos. 121 and 161, and Presidential Proclamation No. 164, series of 2002 of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declaring 25-27 March 2002 as optional holidays, and to ensure safe, convenient, and uninterrupted public service during the Lenten Season, the following interim guidelines are hereby promulgated:

**I. COVERAGE**

This Flag State Administration Advisory shall cover all domestic shipping liner vessels carrying passengers and/or cargoes.

**II. INSTANCES COVERED**

Special authority to operate during the Lenten Season covered by this advisory includes changes/ adjustments/ amendments of vessel/s schedule or route/ automatic vessel substitution under any of the following circumstances:

- a. Fortuitous event;
- b. Emergency/ calamity situations;
- c. Drydocking/repair/ engine breakdown/trouble;
- d. increase in frequency of trips in authorized route/s due to influx of passengers;

- e. for cargo-carrying vessels only: side trips/special trips to carry shut-out cargoes, empty containers or overbooked cargoes;
- f. departure of vessel as soon as vessel is filled to its authorized capacity regardless of its scheduled departure; and;
- g. other analogous circumstances as may be determined by MARINA

### **III. CONDITIONS/LIMITATIONS OF OPERATION**

The implementation of the above changes/ adjustments/ amendments in vessel/s authorized schedule or route shall only be allowed subject to the following conditions:

1. Such change/ amendment/ adjustment shall be subject to confirmation by the MARINA and maybe modified/ cancelled or revoked at any time for valid cause;
2. That all vessel documents as required under Memorandum Circular Nos. 121 and 161 are and shall remain valid when such change/ amendment/adjustment is effected;
3. That all passenger-carrying vessels shall carry valid indorsement/rider from the insurance company regarding such change/ amendment/ adjustment;
4. That there shall be no conflict with the schedule of trips of the other authorized operators in the affected route/s and that no authorized route/s shall be left unserved;
5. That an accompanying Marine Protest shall be submitted to the MARINA in case such change/amendment/adjustment is caused by a marine incident/accident; and;
6. That the concerned shipowner/ ship operator shall submit within the next twenty four (24) hours of the next working day, with the required documents mentioned in Item III above, an application for confirmation of special authority to operate a passenger and/or cargo vessel undertaken during the Lenten Season and shall expedite filing fees in the amount as follows:
  - a. Steel-hulled vessels P3,000.00/vessel

- b. Wooden-hulled vessels:
  - i. 35 GT & above – P1,600.00/vessel
  - ii. Below 35 GT – P800.00/vessel

For strict compliance

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