

MARINA CIRCULAR NO. 2008-05
Series of 2008

TO : ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS / OPERATORS / CHARTERERS AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT : RULES ON THE COLLECTION OF ANNUAL TONNAGE FEE

Pursuant to P.D. 474, E.O. 125, as amended and R.A. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, the following rules on Tonnage Fee are hereby adopted and prescribed:

I. OBJECTIVE:

To enable the Authority to effectively and efficiently administer, supervise, and regulate domestic ships for the promotion and development of the country's maritime industry.

II. COVERAGE:

This Circular shall apply to all Philippine-registered ships in the domestic trade except fishing vessels three(3) gross tons and below where the registration of the same is devolved to the Local Government Units(LGU's), as provided under Executive Order No. 305 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. All owners / operators or charterers of Philippine-registered ships in the domestic trade shall be required to pay tonnage fee of P25.00 per gross tonnage (GT) or a minimum of P150.00 per ship, whichever is higher.
2. Annual tonnage fee shall be assessed on the total GT as of end of December of the year immediately preceding the calendar year. A minimum payment, however must cover the tonnage fee for at least one (1) ship.
3. Annual Tonnage fee must be paid in full anytime within the calendar year (CY) to the MARINA Central Office (CO) or to any of the Maritime Regional Offices (MROs) where the ship is registered.
4. In case of an application for approval of change of ownership of a ship, the tonnage fee for the year immediately preceding must be shown to have been paid. Failure to show proof of such payment may be a ground for the denial of the approval.

5. In case of change of the ship's place of registry, the tonnage fee shall first be paid to the concerned MARINA Office / Unit where the ship is currently registered.

IV. SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES:

Non-payment or failure to pay tonnage fee shall be imposed a 50% surcharge if not paid within sixty (60) days from the last working day of December of the immediately preceding calendar year plus non-renewal of applicable license(s), and/or non-issuance or suspension of authority to operate. Issuance of the applicable license or authority shall be issued only due payment of the tonnage fee and surcharge is made.

V. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE:

Should any provision or part of this Circular be declared by a competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall continue to be valid and effective.

VI. EFFECTIVITY:

This Circular shall take effect immediately after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:

VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR.
Administrator

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing MARINA Circular No. 2008-05 was approved by the MARINA Board on 19 April 2007.

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