

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 25

**TO : ALL INTERISLAND SHIPPING COMPANIES
OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES RELATED TO
INTERISLAND SHIPPING**

**SUBJECT : AGE AND TONNAGE (OR BHP) LIMITATIONS
CLASIFICATION REQUIRMENT OF VARIOUS
VESSEL TYPES FOR INTERISLAND USE**

Please be informed that the Maritime Industry Authority board , in its meeting on August 12 , 1982, has approved the following guidelines / limitations in the importation / charter of vessels for inter island use:

1. Size restrictions

Vessel type	Minimum Size limit
1.1. Tugboats	1500 BHP
1.2. Landing ship transport	4000 DWT
1.3. Cargo / container / RO-RO Vessel	2000 DWT
1.4. Cargo-passenger vessels	1000 DWT
1.5. Passenger vessel	500 GRT
1.6. Ferry boats	500 GRT
1.7. Fishing vessels	100 GRT
1.8. Tankers	1000 DWT
1.9 Specialized vessels , e.g.. refrigerated vessels LPG, LNG Tankers , hover craft , hydrofoil, jetfoil Etc.	No restriction
1.10. barges	Total restriction
1.11. Pleasure crafts, except purpose	Total restriction

2. Age Restrictions

2.1	Tugboat , landing Craft transport, Cargo / container / Ro-Ro vessels, Cargo- passenger Vessels, passenger Vessels, fishing Vessel	Maximum age limit 12 years (Jan. 83 DEC. 84) 10 years (Jan. 85 DEC.86)
2.2.	Tankers	10 Years (1982-83) 8 Years (1984-85) 4 Years (1986-87) Beyond 1987 (total 14 years
2.3.	<u>SPECIALIZED VESSELS</u>	

All vessels with the exception of fishing vessels, to be imported or chartered, must pass a special survey and must be maintained to class by an internationally accredited classification society with no outstanding recommendations.

All fishing vessel to be imported / chartered by a survey report issued by a Marina Accredited surveying company or as determined by Marina surveyors .

The chartering of oil tankers will be allowed , however , until the end of 1984 and may be renewed there after provided the proponent / applicant under takes to order new building replacement from a local yard . the charter of oil tankers may likewise be allowed in emergency and critical shortage situation of tankers , as determined by both of bureau of energy Utilization (BEU) and the Maritime Industry (MARINA)

All tanker to be imported or chartered must pass a special survey and must be maintained to class by an international-accredited classification society with no outstanding recommendations.

LPG CARRIERS and similar vessels demanding a high technology standard of construction not available in local shipyards shall be exempt from the above restriction mentioned .

The definition of terms contained in annex "A" is made an integral part of these guidelines .

MARINA Memorandum Circulars No. 10, 21 , 21 , -A and 22 in so far as they are not inconsistent with this Circular shall remain in full force and effect.

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. AGE – Age is reckoned from the date of launching to the date of filling of the Application for the importation / charter of a vessel .
2. BARGE / LIGHTER – A general name given to the flat –bottomed ,rigged or Unrigged craft of full body and heavy construction (built of wood , iron steel or concrete), specially the adopted for the transportation of bulky freight such as coal or lumber ,sand , stone and so on . some types trade solely on rivers and canals but a great number are built and equipped for short – distance coastwise traffic .
3. CARGO (VESSEL) BOAT / FREIGHTER – A freight or cargo carrying vessel . Also called a cargo boat .
4. CARGO PASSENGER VESSEL – A vessel almost similar to cargo vessel but Provided with some accommodation intended for some passengers.
5. CONTAINER VESSEL – A vessel specially designed and constructed for the transport or carriage of the different types of cargoes contained in a rectangular containers . such containers . such designed to fit the loading and unloading of units . the unit of (ten) tons equivalent units is usually employed to determine the capacity of each container .
6. FERRY – A vessel used to carry passengers , trains and motor vehicles over short Stretches of water of more than seventy –five (75) nautical miles.
7. FISHING BOAT – Any vessel of any size and in whatever way propelled , which Is ,for the time being employed in sea – fishing , or in the sea fishing service for profit. It has also been defined in international conventions as any vessel or boat employed in the capture of sea fish or for the treatment of sea fish or any boat or vessel used partly or wholly for the purpose of transport of sea fish.
8. LANDING SHIP TRANSPORT (LST)- A second world –war vintage cargo vessel Specially designed and constructed for the carriage of military provisional cargoes . such vessel employ ramps installed at the forward most of the vessel to facilitate easy loading and unloading of cargoes without the convenience of ports
9. PASSENGER VESSEL – This vessel provides a accommodation for a large

Number of passengers and a small quantity of cargo and usually operates on more or less definite scheduled . it has a definite number of ports of call.

10. PLEASURE CRAFT- A vessel specially designed and constructed for pleasures / Tourism purpose . such vessels are equipped with all the facilities for luxury.
11. RO-RO VESSEL – A roll-on-ROL-OFF (Ro-Ro) vessel has the large openings in The ship’s sides aft, and /or in the bow for loading and unloading by trucks or self –wheeled cargo such as cars and containers.
12. TUGBOT –A mechanically propelled vessel of small tonnage with little or no Cargo capacity, used for towing or assisting vessels at sea , in or out of harbors , rivers and docks , also for coastal or harbor towage of barges , lighters, and other small craft . also called towboats,