

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 171

TO : ALL MASTERS AND CHIEF MATES EMPLOYED OR TO BE EMPLOYED ON SHIPS OPERATING IN DOMESTIC VOYAGES, AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : RULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECURRENCE TRAINING ON SAFE NAVIGATION (SAFENAV) AND COLLISION REGULATION (COLREG) FOR MASTERS AND CHIEF MATES NAVIGATING SHIPS FOR DOMESTIC VOYAGES.

Pursuant to DOTC Department Order 2001-49 dated 13 June 2001 on the “Recurrency training Program for masters and Chief Mates Onboard ships Engaged in the Domestic Trade”, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as Administration, through the MARINA Board, hereby prescribes the following rules on the implementation of the recurrency training on Safe navigation (SAFENAV) and Collision Regulation (COLREG) for Masters and Chief Mates navigating ships for domestic voyages.

I. OBJECTIVE

To further promote safety of life and property at sea by strengthening and/or reinforcing the training of Masters and Chief mates on navigation and collision regulations, including raising the level of alertness, consciousness and concern for the protection of marine environment of all officers acting as Masters and Chief Mates on ships operating in coastwise trade through recurrency training.

II. COVERAGE

These rules shall apply to all officers acting as Masters and Chief mates onboard Philippine – registered ships engaged in domestic trade.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. For purposes of this Circular, recurrency training on Safe Navigation (SAFENAV) and Collision Regulation (COLREG) shall cover, as a minimum, the following subjects:
 - a. Planning and carrying Out a Voyage
 - b. Maintaining safe Navigation
 - c. Maneuvering and handling of ships
 - d. Responding to Emergency Situation
 - e. Compliance to Waste Disposal in accordance with MARPOL Regulation
2. By June 30, 2002 only officers acting as Masters and Chief mates who have undergone the required recurrency training shall be allowed onboard ships plying domestic voyages.

3. Once every three (3) years, Masters and chief mates shall be retained on subjects specified in rule III.1 hereof.
4. The recurrency training on SAFENAV and COLREG shall be conducted by the MARINA. However, other entities or organizations may be authorized by the MARINA based on guidelines to be hereinafter formulated.
5. The MARINA or entities/organizations that may be so authorized to conduct recurrency training shall issue Certificate of Completion to ship officers covered by this Circular.

IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. Master - refers to any officer regardless of license acting as Master or Captain onboard domestic vessels above 100 GT.
2. Chief Mate – refers to any officer regardless of license acting Chief Mate onboard domestic vessels above 100 GT.

V. FEES

The fee for each participant in the three (3) day recurrency training on SAFENA V/COLREG shall be Three thousand five Hundred (Php 3,500) Pesos; provided however that trainees shall not exceed twenty-four (24).

VI. PENALTIES

The following administrative fines shall be imposed after due notice and hearing:

1. For domestic shipowners, operators and shipping companies found to have violated Rule 111.1:

Number of Offenses	Penalty
1 st Offense	P 30,000.00
2 nd Offense	50,000.00
3 rd Offense	80,000.00

2. For Master or Chief Mates who board domestic ships without undergoing the recurrency training herein prescribed:

Number of Offenses	Penalty
1 st Offense	P 20,000.00
2 nd Offense	30,000.00
3 rd Offense	40,000.00

VII. REPEALING CLAUSE

Any provision of MARINA Memorandum Circulars inconsistent herewith is modified/amended accordingly.

VIII. EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. 171 has been approved during the 158th Regular meeting of the MARINA Board on 13 December 2001.

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