



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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

SUBJECT : SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER AND/OR CARGO LINER VESSELS DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FROM DECEMBER 22-31, 2001 TO 01 JANUARY 2002

Pursuant to the Public Service Act, (Commonwealth Act, 146), Presidential Decree No. 474, Executive Order 125/125-A, Memorandum Circular Nos. 121 and 161, and in view of Proclamation No. 129, s. of 2001 declaring long Christmas and New Year holidays from December 22-31, 2001 and January 1, 2002, and to ensure safe, convenient, and uninterrupted public service during the holidays, the following interim guidelines are hereby promulgated:

I. COVERAGE:

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

II. INSTANCES COVERED:

Special authority to operate during the long holidays shall cover changes/adjustments of vessel/s authorized schedule or route under any of the following circumstances:

- a. fortuitous event
- b. emergency/calamity situations
- c. drydocking/repairing/ 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. 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. 161/121 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 twenty four (24) hours of the next working day, an application for confirmation of special authority to operate undertaken during Christmas and New Year holidays with the required documents mentioned in Item III above and shall pay filing fees in the amount, as follows:
 - a. Steel-hulled vessels P 2,000.00/ vessel
 - b. Wooden-hulled vessels:
 - i. 35 GT & above – P 800. / vessel
 - ii. Below 35 GT – P 400.00/ vessel

For strict compliance

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