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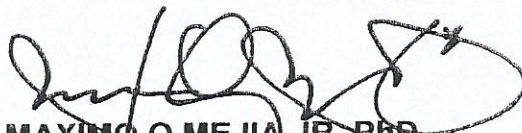
**SUBJECT : BAN ON THE USE OF SECOND (UPPER) DECK FOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION AND CARGO STOWAGE FOR ALL MOTOR BANCAS WITH SECOND (UPPER) DECK**

Effective immediately notice is hereby given that pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 474, EO 125/125-A, Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised IRR and to further ensure safety of ships, this Authority hereby **PROHIBITS the use of the SECOND (UPPER) DECK for accommodation of passengers and/or stowage of cargoes for all motor bancas with second (upper) deck.**

Furthermore, all motor bancas with second (upper) deck shall be immediately subjected to re-evaluation and re-inspection following the procedures prescribed below:

1. Review of approved plans including stability and load markings;
2. Conduct of re-inspection of motor bancas with second (upper) deck in coordination with the Maritime Regional Offices. Motor bancas who fail to comply with MC 65, MC 2007-04 and other relevant rules and regulations shall be restricted to single deck banca operation; and,
3. Check load markings, to verify calculations vis-à-vis its existing Certificate of Load Marking. A new Certificate shall be re-issued to reflect the validated/verified calculation.

For strict compliance.

  
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