

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 203
Series of 2005

**TO : ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES / OPERATORS /
CHARTERERS, MASTERS AND ALL OTHERS
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : RULES GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SHIP SAFETY INSPECTION SYSTEM (SSIS)**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 474 and Republic Act No. 9295, and in order to provide specific guidelines and procedures for ship safety inspection of Philippine-registered ships, the following rules are hereby prescribed in the implementation of the SSIS which was adopted in the Rule VI Sec. 4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of R.A. No. 9295;

I. OBJECTIVE:

To effectively implement the Ship Safety Inspection System (SSIS) as adopted in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9295, in conjunction with the SSIS Manual which has been formulated and adopted by the Authority.

II. COVERAGE:

All Philippine-registered ships regardless of hull construction operating in the Philippine waters, including but not limited to fishing vessels.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Circular, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1 **Administration** – refers to the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA).
- 2 **Cargo Ship** – refers to any ship which is not a passenger ship.
- 3 **Fishing Vessel** – refers to a vessel used for catching fish and other living resources of the sea.
- 4 **High-Speed Craft** – refers to a craft capable of maximum speed in meters per second (m/s) equal to or exceeding:

0.1667

3.70 ▼ where: ▼ - displacement corresponding to the design waterline (m³)

- 5 **Implementing Rules and Regulation** – refers to the implementing rules and regulation pursuant to the provisions under R.A. 9295.
- 6 **Passenger Ship** – refers to any ship authorized by the Administration to carry passenger(s).
- 7 **Ship Safety Inspection System** – refers to the set of guidelines, procedures, requirements and standards to govern ship safety inspection for Philippine-registered ships.

IV. GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES:

1. All Philippine-registered ships regardless of hull construction operating in the Philippine waters, including but not limited to fishing vessels, shall be required to secure the applicable ship safety-related certificates as provided in the SSIS and in the herein Circular prior to operation, as follows:
 - 1.1. Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (PSSC)
 - 1.2. Cargo Ship Safety Certificate (CSSC)
 - 1.3. Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (CSSCC)
 - 1.4. Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (CSSEC)
 - 1.5. High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate (HSCSC)
 - 1.6. Exemption Certificate (EC)
 - 1.7. Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC)
 - 1.8. Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate (FVSC)
 - 1.9. Certificate of Fitness (CF)
 - 1.10. Other safety-related certificates as may be required by the Administration
2. The foregoing certificates shall be issued only upon compliance with the requirements prescribed under the SSIS Manual.

V. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

1. The PSSC shall be issued only to a passenger ship for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed twelve (12) months. The Administration may extend the validity of the certificate to a maximum of three (3) months where warranted.
2. The CSSC shall be issued only to a cargo ship for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed five (5) years and shall be endorsed annually, subject to a favorable result of the corresponding annual inspection to be conducted. The endorsement period of said certificate may be extended by the Administration to a maximum of three (3) months where warranted.
3. The CSSCC, CSSEC, and CE shall be issued only to cargo ships carrying oil and/or other dangerous products for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed five (5) years and

shall be endorsed annually, subject to a favorable result of the corresponding annual inspection to be conducted. The endorsement period of said certificate may be extended by the Administration to a maximum of three (3) months where warranted.

4. The HSCSC shall be issued only to a passenger or cargo high-speed craft for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed twelve (12) months. The Administration may extend the validity of the certificate to a maximum of three (3) months where warranted.
5. The FVSC shall be issued only to a fishing vessel for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed five (5) years and shall be endorsed annually, subject to a favorable result of the corresponding annual inspection to be conducted. The endorsement period of said certificate may be extended by the Administration to a maximum of three (3) months where warranted.
6. The MSMC shall be issued to all ships for a period specified by the Administration, which shall not exceed five (5) years and shall be endorsed annually.
7. The EC may be issued to ships found qualified by the Administration and shall not be valid for a longer duration than the period specified by the Administration in conjunction with the validity of applicable safety certificate(s).

VI. SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES:

For purposes of this Circular, the following schedule of fees and charges shall apply:

1. Ship Certificates:

Type of Ship Certificates	Corresponding Fees and Charges	
a. Passenger Ship Safety Certificate	P 300.00	*
b. Cargo Ship Safety Certificate	P 1,500.00	*
c. Cargo Ship Safety Construction Cert.	P 1,500.00	*
d. Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Cert.	P 1,500.00	*
e. High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate	P 300.00	*
f. Exemption Certificate (P/C)*	P 300.00/1500.00	*
g. Min. Safe Manning Certificate (P/C)*	To be based from M.C. No. 179	*
h. Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate	P 1,500.00	*
i. Certificate of Fitness	P 1,500.00	*
j. Re-issuance of Certificates	P 250.00	
k. Annual Endorsement of Certificates	P 250.00	

* Passenger/Cargo

** for 5 years validity, subject to annual

endorsement

2. Ship Inspections:

The schedule of fees and charges for inspection shall be based from MARINA M.C. No. 183, or its subsequent amendments, issued by the Administration, where the inspection service is undertaken by the ship inspectors of the Authority.

VII. PENAL PROVISION:

Any violation/non-compliance with the aforementioned provisions in this Circular shall be levied fines and penalties under MARINA M.C. No. 120, or its subsequent amendments.

VIII. TRANSITORY PROVISION:

The Certificate of Inspection (CI) of all ships shall be replaced with the appropriate safety certificates specified under Section IV of this Circular on or before 31 March 2005.

IX. REPEALING CLAUSE:

Any provision(s) of other MARINA Memorandum Circulars inconsistent herewith is/are hereby modified/amended accordingly.

X. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE:

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

Manila, Philippines 19 January, 2005.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:

(Sgd.) VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR.
Administrator

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above-mentioned Memorandum Circular No. 203 has been approved during the 170th Regular Meeting of the Maritime Industry Board of Directors held on 19 January 2005.

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