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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 154

To : Domestic Shipowners/Operators and All Concerned

Subject : **REITERATION OF SAFETY-RELATED POLICIES/GUIDELINES/ RULES
& REGULATIONS FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE**

In line with the continuing thrust of the government to foster maritime safety, especially with the onset of the passenger peak season, everyone concerned, especially the owners/operators of passenger-carrying liner vessels, are hereby reminded of the following issuances by this Authority, where applicable, for their better appreciation and continued compliance;

- M.C. No. 48 - Measures to Control Overcrowding/Overloading and scalping of tickets in the Interisland Vessels.
- M.C. No. 72 - Guidelines on the Implementation of at least 10-Minute Film on Safety Features of each specific Passenger/Passenger-Cargo Vessels.
 - As amended by M.C. No. 136
- M.C. No. 83 - Guidelines on the Issuance of Endorsement Certificates in Accordance with the STCW 1978 Convention.
- M.C. No. 89 - Implementing Guidelines for Vessel Safety Regulation.
 - As amended by M.C. No. 89-B
- M.C. No. 114 - Preventive Safety Measures and Other Concerns
- M.C. No. 123 - Wearing of Lifejackets during Boarding and/or Prior to Departure by all Passenger Vessels with Open Deck Accommodation.
- M.C. No. 135 - Rules on the Implementation of Voice Tape on the Safety Features of a Vessel.
- M.C. No. 143 - Rules and Regulations to Implement the International Safety Management (ISM) Code in Domestic Shipping.

It is further understood that all vessel owners/operators are to make sure that all their vessels being operated are in compliance with the **1997 Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR), M.C. No. 148** (Amendments to Chapter XVIII of the PMMRR 1997 on Minimum Safe Manning for Ships in the Domestic Trade), **M.C. No. 65/65-A** (Minimum Service Standards for Philippine Registered Interisland Vessels), **M.C. No. 134** (Minimum Service Standards for Motorbancas Below 20 Gross Tons), and all other related issuances.

Monitoring of compliances shall be undertaken by this Authority, and its Maritime Regional Offices, together with the needed coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard. Verified violations/non-compliances shall be dealt with accordingly pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

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