

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 134

TO : ALL OWNERS/OPERATORS OF MOTORBANCAS BELOW 20 GROSS TONS(GT) CARRYING PASSENGER AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : MINIMUM SERVICE STANDARDS FOR MOTOR BANCAS BELOW 20 GROSS TONS (GT)

Pursuant to the provision of O.E. 125. As amended and the Public Service Act as amended, the following minimum service standard for motorbancas below 20 Gross Tons(GT) are hereby promulgated:

I. COVERAGE - All owners/operators of motorbancas below 2 GT carrying passengers who are holders of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) / Provisional Authority (PA) / Special Permit (SP) shall be required to observe the minimum standards for passenger accommodations.

II. SERVICE STANDARDS

1. PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION

1.1 Type of accommodation	Fixed seats of any material
1.1.1 Bunk / seating dimension / Arrangement	
• Size of seat	1.5 ft. (width) x 1.5 ft (depth) x 2 In. (thick) with fixed arm rest and Backrest at least one 1.5 ft. high from the seat
• Passageway/catwalk	1.5 ft. (width) with railings
• Seat arrangement	Distance between rows should Be at least 1.5 ft.
1.2 No. of passengers	Determined by the numbers of permanently fixed seats/bunks.
1.3 Toilet	To be provided

2. EMBARKATION/ DISEMBARKATION

2.1. No. of Embarkation/Disembarkation Points	One(1) or more at port or starboard
2.2. Size of Gangway	Minimum of 2.3 ft.
2.3. Size of Gangplank	Minimum of 2 ft. (width) & 2 in.

(thick)

- 2.4. Safety Fixtures of gangplanks/gangways
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| 4.1 Non-skid floorboards or steps | To be provided |
| 4.2 Guardrails (at least one side) | To be provided |

2.5. Compliance with Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, otherwise known as the Accessibility Law (RA 7432) – at least front rows with proper marking to be reserved for disabled person and senior citizens must be provided.

3. MARKING OF CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER AND PASSENGER CAPACITY

The vessel number and maximum passenger capacity as per MARINA – issued certificate of Number shall be painted on both sides of the vessel.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

All owner/operators are hereby required:

1. To submit their motor bancas for inspection within ninety (90) days from effective of this circular; and,
2. To produce a certificate of compliance with the provisions of this Circular. Said Certificate of Compliance must be carried on board the motor bancas at all times and shall be made available for inspection at anytime.

IV. SANCTIONS/PENALTIES :

Failure to comply with the provision of this Circular shall be subject to the following penalties and sanctions after due notice and hearing:

First Violation	-	Fine of Five Hundred (P500) Pesos and warning
Second Violation	-	Fine of One Thousand (P1000) Pesos and/or suspension of existing authority to operate, (CPC/PA/SP)
Third Violation	-	Fine of Three Thousand (P3000) and/or cancellation/revocation of existing authority to operate (CPC/PA/SP)

V. EFFECTIVITY :

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

By The Authority of the Marina Board:

AGUSTIN R. BENGZON
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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. 134 has been approved in the 143rd Regular Meeting of the Maritime Industry Board of Directors held on 17 September 1998.

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