



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

MARINA CIRCULAR
NO. 2018-06
Series of 2018

**TO: ALL DOMESTIC SHIP OWNERS/OPERATORS, CHARTERERS,
SHIP OFFICERS AND CREW AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO MARINA CIRCULAR NO. 2016 - 04 ON
LIFEJACKET REQUIREMENTS**

Recognizing the paramount importance of safety of life at sea, MARINA Circular No. 2016-04 is hereby amended as follows:

I. DEFINITION:

1. Common area – refers to spaces where the public have access and where passengers can converge such as restaurants, bars, lounges, arcades and other similar areas, except corridors, stairways, lavatories, and other similar areas.
2. Children – refers to a young person whose age is three (3) years old up to twelve (12) years old.
3. Infant – refers to a young child whose age is below three (3) years old

II. Item V.2 to read:

2. Type-approved lifejackets shall be provided in each and every passenger accommodation, which shall be stored or located within reach of the passengers and can be used immediately at the time of emergency.

The decks on which lifeboats, liferafts, lifefloats, buoyant apparatus and life preservers are carried shall be kept clear of cargo or any other obstructions which may interfere with the immediate launching of the life-saving appliances.

III. Items V.5.5 and V.5.6 to read:

5.5 Lifejackets shall be provided in every passenger accommodation:

- a. Passenger accommodation with lying/bunker arrangements - lifejackets shall be stowed immediately overhead or under the bed, in each accommodation. Lifejackets in first class accommodations may be stowed in properly marked cabinets.
 - b. Passenger accommodation with seating arrangements- lifejackets shall be stowed immediately overhead or under the seat.
- 5.6 Every common area shall be provided with additional lifejackets the number of which should be equivalent to at least twenty five percent (25%) of the total passenger capacity such area can accommodate, stored in a properly marked cabinet easily seen by and accessible to the passengers at all times.
- 5.8 Lifejacket for children and infants shall be distributed during embarkation and collected upon arrival.

IV. New provisions adopted in Section V:

- 5.9 Proper safety information and signage (regarding stowage location, donning procedures, etc.) shall be provided in all conspicuous places and should be clear and easily understood. Actual demonstration of the donning of lifejacket or showing of safety film/video on passenger ships shall be conducted prior departure.
- 5.10 Number of type-approved lifejackets on board ships:
- a. Every ship shall carry type-approved lifejackets equivalent to the total number of authorized persons on board.
 - b. In passenger ships, additional 10% and 5% of the actual number of persons allowed on-board shall be provided for children and infants, respectively or such greater number as maybe required to provide a lifejacket for each child.
 - c. Additional lifejackets shall be required at each of the common areas as provided in Item 5.6 hereof.
 - d. Additional lifejackets shall also be provided for every officer/crew at each watch/work stations.
7. The company should incorporate in their Safety Management System (SMS) the following, pertaining to lifejackets:
- a. Provision of Lifejackets for crew and passengers;

- b. Maintenance program;
 - c. Proper Stowage; and
 - d. Crew familiarization.
8. It is the company and Master's responsibility to ensure that the lifejackets are serviceable and accessible at all times and conform to the provisions hereof.

V. TRANSITORY PROVISION

Full compliance with this circular shall not be later than three (3) months from its effectivity.

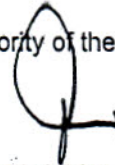
VI. REPEALING CLAUSE

Any provisions of existing MARINA Circulars, and its amendments, or Rules and Regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Circular, shall remain in full force and effect.

VII. EFFECTIVITY

The amendments provided herein shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

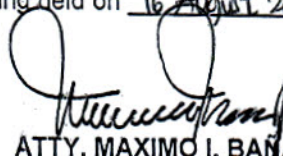
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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that MARINA Circular No. 2018-06 has been approved by the MARINA Board in its 26th Regular Board Meeting held on 16 August 2018.



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