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TO : DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES/ OPERATORS/
CHARTERS, CARGO OWNERS/ SHIPPERS AND ALL
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE SAFE CARRIAGE OF NON-PAYING
PASSENGERS BY LCT CARGO VESSELS OPERATING IN
THE DOMESTIC TRADE

In the interest of the service and to foster effective competition by preventing the occurrence of manipulating the carrying capacity of ships, this Authority hereby prescribes the following clarificatory guidelines on **LCT CARGO VESSELS** allowed to carry **NON-PAYING PASSENGERS AND OTHER PERSONS ONBOARD SHIPS** operating in the domestic trade:

1. Vehicles/ rolling cargoes shall be allowed only one (1) person onboard the vessel who shall be the driver, any excess shall be considered **UNAUTHORIZED**:
 - a. Vehicle with four (4) wheels;
 - b. Motorcycle regardless of horsepower; and
 - c. Tricycle regardless of horsepower.
2. Vehicles/ rolling cargoes with six (6) wheels and above shall be allowed only two (2) persons onboard the vessel who shall be the driver and the helper, any excess shall be considered **UNAUTHORIZED**.
3. The vessel shall be provided with sufficient life-saving equipment and facilities, as well as suitable accommodation onboard the ship to cover the non-paying passengers. In case of voyages of more than four (4) hours, lying accommodation for the drivers and helpers shall be provided.
4. In relation to paragraphs 1 and 2, any passenger of such vehicles/rolling cargoes shall not be allowed onboard and shall be considered **IN EXCESS AND UNAUTHORIZED** even if the authorized capacity for non-paying passengers has not yet been reached.
5. Drivers, helpers and other non-paying passengers are advised to stay in the accommodation area and to switch off the engine of the vehicles/ rolling cargoes during the course of the voyage and shall only be allowed to return to their respective vehicles/ rolling cargoes at the time the vessel has already arrived and secured at the port of destination.
6. The vessel shall only accommodate rolling cargoes onboard based on the approved Cargo Securing Manual and loading capacity based on the issued Load Line Certificate.



7. It shall be the mandatory obligation of the shipowner and/or operator to include in its insurance coverage the number of non-paying passengers allowed onboard and the crew, support or ancillaries pursuant to MARINA Circular No. 2016-01, as amended.
8. Ship plans including the General Arrangement, Accommodation and Life Saving Appliance Plan shall have prior approval by the MARINA. The maximum number of non-paying passengers should likewise be reflected in the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate and in the calculation of the ship's Intact Stability Booklet.
9. The Cargo Securing Manual showing the maximum allowable rolling cargo units onboard shall be approved by the MARINA and shall also serve as a reference, together with the approved General Arrangement Plan and Accommodation Plan, in determining the authorized capacity of non-paying passengers onboard a vessel.
10. Any violation of the provisions of this Advisory shall be subject to penalties/ sanctions, after due notice and hearing, under existing MARINA Circulars and relevant rules and regulations.

For information and strict compliance of all concerned.


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