

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



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#### FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY NO. 51 Series of 2003

TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES / SHIP OWNERS /

**OPERATORS** 

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY

AND SECURITY OF OUR SHIPS, THEIR PASSENGERS

AND CARGOES

To further ensure the safety and security of passengers and/or cargoes onboard ships and the people and goods that they carry, it is hereby ordered for all concerned to:

- 1. Be vigilant at all times 24/7 against terrorism and drug smuggling;
- 2. Establish Security measures at port and onboard ships as follows;
  - Strictly implement the one-hundred percent (100%) inspection of bags knapsacks, boxes merchandise, etc., of all entering passenger terminal prior to embarkation;
  - Cautiously inspect immediately or report to proper authorities, suspicious-looking packages, paper bags, and other similar packages;
  - Instruct port/ship security personnel/employees to immediately contact proper authorities when suspected bumps/drugs are noted;
  - Be observant of people loitering around the area doing nothing and those leaving behind bags and packages/boxes in the garbage cans/bins within the premises. Vendors with knapsacks, bags and other similar belongings should be advised to move out as they may used as courier of bombs/drugs;
  - Be observant of cars/motorcycle-riding individual who are suspiciously and constantly watching within the premises of ports/ships;

- Be cautious in opening envelops and packages sent by unknown individuals with no return address/es;
- Safeguard from unauthorized persons restricted areas of the port/ships;
- Be on guard against the following materials/items in conducting bomb threat related inspection:

Aluminum shell 2-4 inches in length which:

- 1. Looks like an umbrella rod and /or;
- 2. With sotanghon noodle size wire that comes in pairs;
  - Battery operated alarm clock sometime with two protruding rods;
  - Black powder;
  - Oily stained which smells like gas/diesel;
  - Small, white bead, like rice, grains, light weight with pungent odor (urine like odor) and maybe contained in bottles, boxes cans and plastic bags and become oily when expose to air.
- Keep in mind that drugs can be device to look like almost anything and can be placed or delivered in many ways, such as:
  - 1. Christmas gifts
  - 2. Strange and unusual unattended baggage bag/boxes or parcels
  - 3. Tightly wrapped and compact packages or parcels
  - 4. Delivery of unexpected package or parcel
- 3. Immediately inform any of the following government agencies of any suspicious persons(s)/activity (es)/movement(s) in your premises/ships and/or their immediate vicinity:

#### METRO MANILA

MARINA 521-01-07/527-65-27

524-27-46

DOTC Action Center 7890/727-17-10/723-82-35

PNP Maritime Group 722-12-15 PNP Bomb Disposal Group 721-85-44

PCG Special Operation Group 527-38-70/527-38-80

PCG Bomb Detention (K-9) 243-04-60

### **MARINA REGIONAL OFFICES**

| Batangas City           | (043) 723-82-59/(043) 723-13-65  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cagayan de Oro City     | (088) 856-91-02/(088) 856-91-05  |
| Cebu City               | (032) 232-60-52/ (032) 232-64-25 |
| Cotabato City           | (064) 421-36-13/ (064) 421-9768  |
| Davao City              | (082) 221-13-92/ (082) 227-95-37 |
| lloilo City             | (033) 329-41-80/(033) 329-64-90  |
| Legazpi City            | (052) 214-37-32/ (052) 480-63-53 |
| San Fernando City, L.U. | (072) 242-70-52/(072) 888-01-54  |
| Tacloban City           | (053) 325-51-33/ (053) 321-62-64 |
| Zamboanga City          | (062) 991-25-14/ (062) 991-88-76 |

4. Submit to the MARINA within five (5) days from date hereof measures undertaken by your company in compliance with this Advisory.

For strict compliance.

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