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**TO : ALL TUGBOAT AND BARGE OWNERS / COMPANIES / OPERATORS, MANAGERS, BAREBOAT CHARTERERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR TUGBOATS AND BARGES TO SECURE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE (CPC) UNDER THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT (RA) 9295**

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To ensure the uninterrupted service of tugboats and barges in the domestic trade, notice is hereby given that the MARINA Board, during its 173<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 19 October 2005, has approved the SUSPENSION of the requirement for tugboats and barges to secure CPC under the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 9295 pending the outcome of the study to be undertaken on the matter, as there may be a need to amend the provisions of the law, specifically on the definition of ships which included tugboats and barges (“utilizing its own motive power as that of another”), and the definition of “domestic shipping”.

The MARINA will maintain and adopt its previous regulation of exempting tugboats and barges for those covered under Section 14 (b) of the Public Service Act (PSA) while the study is being undertaken.

Please be advised accordingly.

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