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**TO : ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS/
OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : REGISTRATION OF WOODEN-HULLED PASSENGER
SHIPS/MOTORBANCAS IN THE DOMESTIC SHIPPING**

Pursuant to MARINA Circular No. 2016-02¹, which implements the phase out of wooden-hulled ships carrying passengers in the domestic shipping, notice is hereby given that the registration of wooden-hulled passenger ships shall no longer be allowed, except:

1. Wooden-hulled ships used for river crossings;
2. Wooden-hulled ships employed solely and exclusively, whether in daytime or nighttime navigation, in DOT-identified tourist destinations for the purpose of direct transfer to and from a resort/hotel, engaging in scuba diving, dolphin, whale and whale shark watching, island hopping, sports, fishing and other similar tourist and/or sports and recreational activities, and other similar/analogous cases as may be determined by the Administration; and,
3. Wooden-hulled ships exempt from the requirement of securing a CPC under the 2014 Amendments to the Revised IRR of RA 9295.

Provided that the foregoing wooden-hulled ships are designed and constructed in accordance with MARINA Circular No. 2011-01², its subsequent amendments, and other existing ship safety rules and regulations, and subject to specific restrictions related to navigational safety.

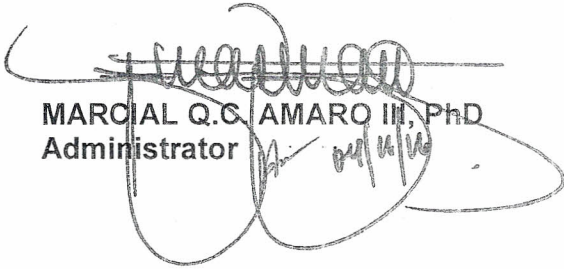
Moreover, the renewal of the registration of existing motorized wooden-hulled passenger motorbancas, with or without outrigger, which are not exempt from phase out shall be subject to compliance with additional safety conditions, competency, licensing, training and certification requirements provided in ANNEX "A" of MC 2016-02, and the validity period shall not exceed the phase out period.

¹ Revised Rules on the Phase Out of Wooden-Hulled Ships Carrying Passengers in Domestic Shipping

² Rules for Construction of Wooden Hull Ships and for Wooden Hull Boats With Outriggers

This Advisory shall take effect immediately after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation.

For information and guidance of all concerned.



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