MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8-A

TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES AND OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES

SUBJECT : EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8 REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF LETTER OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE VESSEL TO INCLUDE ACQUISITIONS FROM LOCAL SHIP OWNERS

Memorandum Circular No. 8 dated 1 January 1977 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Submission of Letter of Intent to Acquire Vessel, whether by Importation, Local construction or by Acquisition from Local Ship Owners. Prior to any Negotiation for the actual Acquisition of the same. In line with the present policy of the government to expand to modernize the Philippine Merchant Marine fleet, and in order to determine the economic and technical feasibility of any intended acquisition of vessel for their maximum utilization in the inter island and overseas trade, and to avert unnecessary expenditures attendant to any premature negotiation for vessel acquisition authority for which may subsequently be denied by this Office for non compliance with existing rules, policies and guidelines on the matter, you are hereby required to submit for proper evaluation and approval of a letter of intent for the acquisition of vessels whether by importation by local construction or by purchase from existing local ship owner, prior to any negotiation for the actual acquisition of the same, containing, among others, the following information

1. General particulars of the vessel

2. Proposed acquisition cost of the vessel and financing scheme

3. Type of operation envisioned whether as contract or common carrier

4. Brief description of present shipping operations and/or related shipping activities and membership in any maritime organization like CISO, PSA, FSA, LAP, etc. and

5. For acquisition of vessels presently owned by local ship owners, a history of the vessels immediately previous deployment”

The penalty imposed by Memorandum Circular No.8 on importation and local construction and the policy guidelines established by Memorandum Circular No.10 for the evaluation of request for authority to acquire vessel are reiterated herein.
This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on November 1, 1979.

Approved on this 1st day of October, 1979, Manila, Philippines.