MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.8

TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES AND OTHER ENTITIES

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF LETTER OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE VESSELS, EITHER BY IMPORTATION OR LOCAL CONSTRUCTION, PRIOR TO ANY NEGOCIATION FOR THE ACTUAL ACQUISITION OF THE SAME.

In line with the present policy of the government to expand and modernize the Philippines merchant marine fleet and in order to determine the economic and technical feasibility of any intended acquisition of vessels for their maximum utilization in the inter island and overseas trade and to avert unnecessary expenditures attendant to any premature negotiation for vessel acquisitions, 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 a letter of intent for acquisition of vessels, either by importation or by local construction, 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 construct or common carrier, and
4. Brief description of present shipping operations and/or related shipping activities and membership in any Maritime organization like CISO, PSA, FSA, LAP, etc.

Non compliance herewith shall be a ground for denial of the application for authority to import and to acquire a vessel by local construction, as the case may be.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect on January 1, 1977

Manila, Philippines.

GENEROSO F. TANSECO
Administrator