

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 34 - A

TO : ALL FISHING OPERATORS AND OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT : FURTHER AMENDMENT OF THE REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTATION/CHARTER OF FISHING VESSELS

Please be informed that the Maritime Industry Board in its meeting on 30 October 1986 has approved the further amendment of the revised guidelines on the importation/ chartering of fishing vessels under Memorandum Circular No. 34 , to read as follows:

1. That the minimum size limit allowable for fishing vessels for importation/ chartering shall be twenty - five (25) gross ton;
2. That the age of fishing vessels shall not be more than fifteen (15) years at the time of application for authority to import/ charter; provided , however, that the importation/ chartering of fishing vessels beyond fifteen (15) years old but not more than twenty (20) years may be allowed in exceptionally meritorious cases as may be determined by MARINA in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - a. MARINA shall emphasize the need to urge fishing operators/ importers to select vessels for sale that have not been idled or tied up in anchorage ports for more than a year ;
 - b. Vessels less than 16 years, although more than 15 years old should be considered as meritorious cases, provided that survey report prepared by a marine surveying company accredited by the government of the country of origin of the vessels to be imported/ chartered shall be submitted to the MARINA;
 - c. Vessels 16 years old and over but not beyond 20 years old will be subject to ultrasonic thickness gauging by MARINA surveyors during dry docking after receipt from the custody of the bureau of customs but prior to registration with the Philippine Coast Guard.
3. That the foregoing size and age limitations shall henceforth be affective until further amended or revoked.

MARINA Memorandum Circular Nos. 10, 21-A, 22, 25, 25-A, 25-C, 34, insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Circular shall remain in full force and effect.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.