

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.48

TO : ALL INTERISLAND PASSENGER VESSELS OWNERS/OPERATORS AND OTHER CONCERNED MARITIME ENTITIES AND/ OR PERSONS

SUBJECT : MEASURE TO CONTROL OVERCROWDING/OVERLOADING AND SCALPING OF TICKETS IN THE INTERISLAND VESSELS

Pursuant to the policy of the government to ensure the riding public of a safe and comfortable sea travel and in order to avoid tickets in the inter island passenger vessels, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated :

1. The vessel(s) should be berthed about 1 to 1.5 meters (or at a distance as practicability would dictate) away from the quay/pier during embarkation of passengers.
2. Manifests or passenger lists should be prepared and made available before the vessel leaves port;
3. Only person pr persons with tickets shall be allowed to board the vessel . Those found to have no tickets shall be assessed one hundred percent (100%) additional fare as penalty ;
4. Employees of shipping companies are prohibited from issuing tickets on board except for the purpose of issuing tickets with the corresponding penalty therefor. Violation hereof is punishable by a fine not exceeding the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) for the first offense . Succeeding offenses shall be dealt with more severely ;
5. The responsibility of conducting head count on passenger lies with the ship owners /ship officers in line with PCG Memorandum Circular No. 04-88;
6. Cabin of all ship's officers and crew may be subjected to inspection to prevent passenger from hiding in these spaces ;
7. The members of the MARINA and/or PCG Tasks Force shall be accompanied by at least one of the vessel's complement during the monitoring/checking of numbers of passenger on board ;
8. Officers and crew members shall always wear uniforms or identification paraphernalia during monitoring/ checking to distinguish them from passengers ; and

9. Under the circumstances may a vessel carrying more than or in excess of its authorized passenger capacity leave port . Any violation hereof shall be meted out penalty of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) for the first offense. Subsequent offenses shall be dealt with more severely .

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and/or a newspaper of general circulation.

Manila, Philippines, 10 April 1989.

PHILIP S. TUAZON
Administrator

NOTED:

ARTURO C. MOJICA
Chairman
Maritime Industry Board

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. 48 has been approved in the meeting of the Maritime Industry Board held on 10 April 1989.

PURITA C. CENTENO
Corporate Secretary