

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.133

**FOR : ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS,
MANAGERS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : REVISED DEFINITION OF NEAR-COASTAL VOYAGES
UNDER THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE RULES
AND REGULATIONS, 1997 (PMMRR '97)**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No.474 and Executive Order No.125, as amended, and in consonance with the Philippines' accession to the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), as amended, the definition of near coastal voyages as stipulated under chapter I, Regulation ¼ (59) of the PMMRR '97 is hereby amended as follows:

“Near Coastal voyages means voyages which cover a maximum distance of two hundred (200) nautical miles from the Philippines baselines or voyages which by agreement between the Philippines and another state is considered or treated as coastwise voyage”.

REPEALING CLAUSE

Any order, circular or rules and regulations inconsistent herewith is amended or repealed accordingly.

EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Manila, Philippines 15 July 1998.

By The Authority of the MARINA Board:

AGUSTIN R. BENGZON
Administrator

Secretary's Certificate

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. 133 has been approved by the MARINA Board through Board Resolution No. 98-009 dated 15 July 1998.

Atty. Gloria V. Banas
Corporate Board Secretary

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