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TO : **ALL SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS/BAREBOAT
CHARTERERS/SHIP OPERATORS/SHIP MANAGERS/ AND
ALL CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **PRIORITY ACCESS AND USE OF PORTS FOR SHIPS
CARRYING PERISHABLE GOODS IN TIMES OF NATIONAL
EMERGENCIES SUCH AS WEATHER DISTURBANCE, PORT
CONGESTIONS AND OTHER NATURAL CALAMITIES**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree 474 Section 12 (d) under Specific Powers and Functions of the Administrator, in addition to his general powers, the Administrator shall require any public water transport utility or Philippine flag vessels to provide shipping services to any coastal areas in the country where such services are necessary for the development of the area, **to meet emergency sealift requirements, or when public interest so requires.**

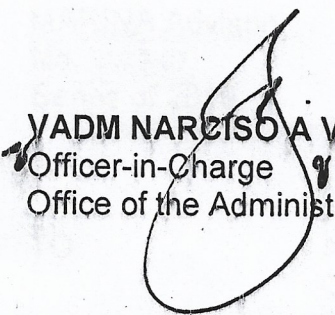
In order to facilitate an unimpeded and uninterrupted flow of ships carrying perishable goods and to achieve the immediate and efficient loading and unloading of these cargoes at the ports during national emergencies such as weather disturbance, port congestions and other natural calamities , **ALL SHIPS** are obliged to render assistance and accommodations by way of giving preferential access and use of all ports including anchorage to those ships carrying perishable goods to allow quick loading and unloading of these cargoes at the ports.



This Authority shall regard these situations as a matter of grave concern requiring full and complete adherence to this Advisory by all concerned.

Non-compliance herewith shall be severely dealt with in accordance with applicable fines and penalties provided under existing MARINA rules and regulations.

Please be guided accordingly.


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