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**TO : ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES / OWNERS / OPERATORS
AND ALL CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION CONTINGENCY MEASURES

In view of the ongoing eruption of the Taal Volcano and its consequent effects to several areas of Luzon, **NOTICE** is hereby given to all concerned for the following contingency measures in ensuring effective response to matters arising from said volcanic activity:

1. The MARINA Maritime Crisis Management Committee (MCMC) is hereby activated to continuously monitor the situation in affected areas and to provide timely updated reports for the assessment thereof and subsequent response to relevant matters warranting immediate attention;
2. Malasakit Help Desks (MHDs) throughout the country, especially in seaports within the affected areas, should be manned accordingly by MARINA in coordination with other government agencies. Further, all concerned should reiterate to the riding public the presence of these MHDs as a one-stop shop for passenger assistance in seaports as this occurrence may result to influx of passengers throughout the transport hubs in the country. Inquiries or complaints addressed before the MHDs shall be attended accordingly.
3. In view of the flight cancellations due to airborne ash and ballistic fragments from the eruption, alternative means of transport through sea conveyances are available from Manila and Batangas bound for Visayas and Mindanao.
4. The following precautionary measures are intended for the safety of all concerned:
 - a. Total evacuation within the 14-kilometer radius from the Taal Main Crater;
 - b. Ship owners/operators and ship officers/crew should be vigilant at all times and safety shall always be prioritized. Maintenance and regular monitoring/inspection of machineries, essential services, and the ship itself shall be carried out properly as ash and ballistic fragments may affect the same;

- c. Communication lines shall be readily available at all times;
 - d. Affected populations are advised to protect their mouths and noses using N95 grade facemasks or wet cloth or towel;
 - e. Motorists are advised to drive with extreme caution as wet ash can cause poor visibility and can make roads slippery;
 - f. Minimize exposure to ash and stay indoors as much as possible; and
 - g. Wear goggles or eyeglasses to protect eyes from irritation.
5. All concerned are advised to be on alert status and to strictly comply with orders from appropriate authorities. Necessary preparations should be made and activated in case Alert Level is raised to No. 5.

For information and compliance.



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