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TO : ALL SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS OF PASSENGER-CARGO/CARGO SHIPS IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE DO NO. 2020-007 DIRECTING ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING LINES TO PROVIDE CARGO SPACE ALLOCATION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS AND PROVIDING FOR PREFERENTIAL CARGO RATES THEREFOR

Pursuant to the directive of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) under Department Order No. 2020-007 for the purpose of ensuring uninterrupted food supply throughout the Philippines during the COVID-19 pandemic, the following guidelines are hereby adopted:

I. COVERAGE:

This Advisory applies to all domestic shipping lines throughout the Philippines covered under Department Order No.2020-007. For this purpose, domestic shipping lines shall refer to liner services as defined under the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing RA 9295.

II. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

A. Provision of exclusive cargo space for agricultural and food products

1. All domestic shipping lines are hereby enjoined to allocate at least twelve percent (12%) of a vessel's cargo capacity per voyage for the exclusive accommodation of agricultural and food products. The cargoes covered under this advisory are agricultural and food products shipped in whatever manner of form, such as, but not limited and to roll-on-roll-off (RORO) cargoes and conventional cargoes (whether loose or bulk).
2. Agricultural and food products" shall mean any product or commodity, raw or processed, that is marketed for human consumption (excluding water, salt and additives). Animal feeds shall not be considered as "agricultural and food products" for purposes of this DO.

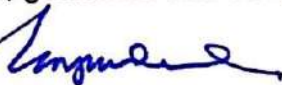
B. Preferential Rates Cargoes for Agricultural and Food Products

1. All domestic shipping lines are enjoined to extend to the cargoes providing the twelve percent (12%) allocated space a discount of no less than forty percent (40%) of their published shipping rates for all agricultural and food product cargoes.
2. The cargoes covered under this advisory are purely agricultural and food products shipped in whatever manner or form, such as, but not limited to, roll-on/roll-off (RORO) cargoes and conventional cargoes (whether loose or bulk).
3. In case of inter port operation, the vessel shall be considered compliant with the requirement at the port where the twelve percent 12% space allocation was utilized irrespective of whether it is the point of origin or the subsequent port of call. This rule shall likewise apply to the preferential rate of forty percent (40%) discount.
4. Shipping lines may opt to offer for pre-payment / hard blocking the twelve percent (12%) allocated cargo space as herein required for the purpose of applying the forty percent (40%) discount.
5. Domestic shipping lines are not precluded from extending discounts more than the discount provided herein.
6. The shipowner/operator may offer the cargo space allocation to other shippers for other types of cargoes should the minimum threshold of twelve percent (12%) be not fully utilized within twelve hours prior to departure of a particular voyage.
7. The twelve percent (12%) allocated cargo space shall be granted on a "first come, first served" basis.

III. EFFECTIVITY

This Advisory shall be effective within fifteen (15) days upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

For information, guidance and compliance.



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