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TO : **ALL SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS
AND ALL CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **APPROVED STANDARDIZED SEA TRAVEL PROTOCOLS**

Pursuant to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Memorandum dated 27 February 2021, and in relation to the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 101 s. 2021 dated 26 February 2021, the following are the approved standardized travel protocols for sea, effective on 01 March 2021, to wit:

1. Minimum public health standards, which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of face masks and face shields, among others, shall be strictly observed by all travelers boarding any ship;
2. Shipping companies/operators shall ensure that clinical and exposure assessment is strictly observed in all ports of entry and exit to ensure that only asymptomatic, non-close contact individuals are allowed to travel or enter the local government unit of destination. Shipping companies shall establish coordination with port operators to ensure that health assessment of passengers, supervised by medical doctors, is being observed upon entry in the port/terminal and exit at point of destination;
3. Testing shall not be mandatory for travelers except if the local government unit (LGU) of destination will require testing as a requirement prior to travel, and such shall be limited to RT-PCR;
4. No traveler shall be required to undergo quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms upon arrival at the LGU of destination;
5. The Travel Authority issued by Joint Task Force COVID Shield and health certificates shall no longer be required;
6. Shipping companies/operators shall incorporate in its company policy a tracing system using the application StaySafe.ph System;
7. All ships must have sufficient quarantine/isolation facilities; and,
8. All shipping companies/operators shall establish a referral system wherein travelers who become symptomatic shall be transferred to the ship's quarantine/isolation facilities and upon arrival of the ship to its port of destination, such symptomatic traveler shall be turned over to the local health officials of the LGU.



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Also, the allowable passenger carrying capacity of 50% of the ship's regular on-board capacity, under MARINA Advisory Nos. 2020-29 and 2020-35 the observance of social distancing requiring one seat apart for sitting accommodation, and those prescribed on laying accommodation are hereby reiterated.

All previously issued MARINA Advisories which are inconsistent with this are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

For strict compliance of all concerned.


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