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

SUBJECT : APPROVED STANDARD FOR SEA TRAVEL PROTOCOLS

DATE : 28 March 2021

Pursuant to Memorandum of the Executive Secretary dated 27 March 2021 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Bulacan, Laguna, Rizal and the National Capital Region (NCR+ bubble), as approved by the President based on the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases in Resolutions No. 106-A, both dated 27 March 2021, series of 2021, please be advised of the following:

Effective from 12:01 am of 28 March 2021 until 12:00 midnight (Saturday night) of 04 April 2021, the provisions applicable to ECQ areas as provided in the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, shall be in effect in the NCR+ bubble. Maritime transport shall continue servicing the public at fifty percent (50%) capacity following the protocols provided by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Only those allowed under the IATF Omnibus Guidelines shall be allowed to travel on board maritime vessels and thru the ports, whether in government or private ports:

- a. Health and emergency frontline service personnel;
- b. Government officials and government frontline personnel;
- c. Duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs);
- d. Persons travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
- e. Persons going to the airport for travel abroad;
- f. Anyone crossing zones for work or business permitted in the zone of destination, and going back home; and
- g. Returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence.

Further, the following approved standardized travel protocols for sea as contained in MARINA Circular No. 2021-13, dated 08 March 2021, is hereby reiterated:

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 exist at point of destination;
3. Testing shall not be mandatory for travelers except of 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. Shipping companies/operators shall incorporate in its company policy a tracing system using the application StaySafe.ph System;
6. All ships must have sufficient quarantine/isolation facilities; and
7. All shipping companies/operators shall establish as 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.

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.

Furthermore, all cargo ships are hereby directed to continue to provide unhampered movement of goods in all ports nationwide.

All previously issued MARINA issuances inconsistent with this are hereby modified, superseded and/or repealed accordingly.

For strict compliance of all concerned.


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