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

SUBJECT : APPROVED STANDARD FOR SEA TRAVEL PROTOCOLS UNDER THE MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN NCR+ AND OTHER SELECTED AREAS

In view of the declaration of the Office of the President on 11 April 2021 regarding the implementation of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in NCR plus and other selected areas effective 12 to 30 April 2021, Notice is hereby given that the Maritime transport shall continue servicing the public at fifty percent (50%) capacity following the protocols provided by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Also, reiteration is hereby given that 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. Aside from front liners/essential workers, persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, and Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs), those workers of establishments permitted to operate under MECQ are added in the list of authorized maritime passengers. Likewise, it must be noted that travel shall remain to be subjected to requirements as may be imposed by the local government units (LGUs) where voyages originate and end.

Further, approved standardized travel protocols for sea as contained in MARINA Memorandum Circular Nos. 2021-13 and 2021-17 are 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.

Furthermore, 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.

Moreover, 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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