



**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**

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

SUBJECT : **SHIP'S RELATED GUIDELINES DURING THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)**

DATE :

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Pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 130-D, Series of 2021 issued on 01 August 2021, particularly on the imposition of distinctive Community Quarantines along the different areas of the Philippines, and in order to prepare and address the escalation to Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) hereby reiterates the following :

That the maritime transport shall continue servicing the public at fifty percent (50%) passenger capacity from its authorized regular capacity following the protocols provided by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

Only those in the List of Authorized Person Outside Residence (APOR) pursuant to IATF Resolution shall be allowed to travel on board passenger ships.

Further, approved standardized travel protocol 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;
2. Shipping companies/operators shall ensure that an 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 the port of destination;
3. Testing shall not be mandatory for travelers. Otherwise, the local government (LGU) of destination will require a negative RT-PCR result as a requirement prior to travel;



4. Shipping companies/operators shall incorporate in their company policy a contact tracing system using the TRAZE app and S-PASS.ph;
5. All ships must have sufficient quarantine isolation facilities, and;
6. Passenger vessels are required to have a Contingency Plan in the event that the vessel has a covid-19 positive passenger onboard. 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 the port of destination. Such symptomatic passenger shall be referred to the local health officials of the LGU.
7. Pursuant to MARINA Advisory Nos. 2020-29 and 2020-35, the observance of social distancing, requiring one seat apart for sitting accommodation, and for lying accommodation: in case of single tier, adjoining beds shall be occupied alternately, and in case of two tier, upper and lower bunks shall be occupied alternately while still following the pattern for single tier, are hereby reiterated
8. 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 Advisory are hereby modified, superseded and/or repealed accordingly

This Advisory shall take effect on 06 August 2021 and shall remain valid and effective until revoked.

For strict compliance to all concerned.

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