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TO : ALL SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS OF PHILIPPINE REGISTERED PASSENGER SHIPS ENGAGED IN DOMESTIC VOYAGES/OPERATIONS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF FIRE PREVENTIVE MEASURES ON BOARD PASSENGER-CARRYING SHIPS AND ADOPTION OF BEST PRACTICES THEREFOR

Pursuant to item 7, Sec 10 of Republic Act No. 9295 directing the compliance with operational and safety standards of vessels, among others, all domestic shipping operators and owners of inter-island ships carrying passengers are hereby directed to implement the following fire preventive mechanisms as additional measures to prevent fire-related accidents onboard ships and undertake orientation on the specific roles and responsibilities of the deck crew and engine crew, respectively.

1. All Deck Crew shall be responsible for the following:

- 1) A "No Smoking Policy" signage shall be conspicuously displayed at public areas within the vessel.
- 2) Practice good housekeeping and observe it at all times. Switch off electrical devices which are not in use.
- 3) Once vessel leaves port for sea, make sure that cooking range batters are fitted at all times;
- 4) Store in a safe location in covered containers and as early as possible dispose in a proper way oily rags, rags used for cleaning paints or soaked in paint thinners, saw dust impregnated with oil.
- 5) Replace electrical wires that have worn out or damaged insulation.
- 6) Watch out for oil leaks and rectify them immediately even if perceived to be minor.
- 7) Strictly observe the ship's Preventive Maintenance System (PMS) for fire detection and extinction devices and systems.



- 8) Strictly conduct scheduled fire drills.
 - 9) Do not stow flammable and dangerous cargoes near hot surfaces including bulkheads adjacent to the engine room.
 - 10) Ensure that dangerous and flammable rolling cargoes and pyrotechniques shall not be allowed to be checked-in onboard passenger ships.
2. **All Engine Crew** shall be responsible for the following:
- 1) Ensure that the oil feeder piping shall be free from oil leaks. Oil leaks even if minor should be rectified immediately.
 - 2) Guaranty that any electrical equipment onboard is installed, maintained, tested and repaired in accordance with existing regulations by a qualified personnel.
 - 3) Electrical wires that have worn out or damaged insulation should be replaced.
 - 4) Avoid placing flammable materials near switch boards and panel boards.
 - 5) Ensure periodical maintenance of electrical motors;
 - 6) Battery room should be well ventilated to limit the accumulation of hydrogen, emitted during battery charging, in order to prevent explosion risk.
 - 7) Strictly prohibit cigarette smoking and any source of ignition in areas with high fire hazards such as, but not limited to the engine room, battery room and pump room.
3. **All passengers** shall, at all times, strictly comply with the following:
- 1) Adhere strictly to the "no smoking policy" throughout the journey of the ship;
 - 2) Refrain from using "octopus connection" or jury-rigging of an electrical outlet which means connecting more than one appliance on one outlet when charging gadgets;
 - 3) Refrain from tampering and vandalizing fire detection devices, such as smoke and heat detectors, fire alarms and their labels/ signages.
 - 4) Never transport dangerous cargoes as they are prohibited items to be carried on-board inter-island ships carrying passengers.



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- 5) Carrying pyro-techniques materials on-board ships is strictly prohibited.

4. Information Dissemination

- 1) The Fire Preventive Measures On-Board Passenger Ships posters consist of three (3) printed materials for each set, one for the information of the deck crew, one for the engine crew, and for the passengers, shall be widely disseminated by this Authority to all passenger ships and to be visibly posted to conspicuous places all throughout the ship;
- 2) A copy of the above-mentioned fire safety posters for the passengers shall also be disseminated to all Ports and posted to conspicuous places in passenger terminals, for the information of all passengers prior to boarding the ship.

All MARINA Regional Offices are hereby instructed to monitor the adherence to the above recommendations.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.


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