



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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TO : SHIP MASTERS/ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES/OPERATORS/CHARTERERS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND OTHER SAFETY RELATED CONCERNS IN THE OPERATION OF RORO PASSENGER SHIPS IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE

In line with the declared policy to enhance the safety of all RORO-passenger ships, all Masters and ship-owner/operators are hereby directed to strictly comply with the following precautionary measures and other safety related concerns:

- a. Ensure that all watertight decks and bulkheads are inspected periodically to verify that no unprotected openings or improper penetrations will allow progressive flooding and that closure devices (e.g. watertight doors, duct closures, etc.) are in place and in working order;
- b. Ensure watertight doors (WTDs), hatches and ramps are securely closed prior to departure and regularly inspected during its entire voyage;
- c. Ensure compartments, manholes, air pipes and other external hull structures fitted with gaskets, hinge covers sealing, surfaces and securing mechanisms are regularly inspected and properly maintained;
- d. All cargoes should be properly stowed, lashed and secured at the car deck in such a way that the ship and passengers onboard are not at risk in accordance with ship's approved Cargo Securing Manual (CSM);
- e. Passage lanes must be kept safe and free from any material obstructions such as lashing materials that posed tripping hazard to the passengers. Likewise, cargo baggages should not obstruct the passage lanes to ensure any possible emergency and evacuation protocols.
- f. Overweight trucks/rolling cargoes should be properly observed to ensure the trim and stability of the ship. Whenever the total weight of the truck/rolling cargo may compromise the safety and stability of the ship, such cargo shall not be allowed onboard.
- g. Safe procedure on loading, unloading and stowage should be incorporated in the SMS Manual of the ship and properly implemented.

Violations of this Advisory may be reported directly to email address: oadm@marina.gov.ph and es@marina.gov.ph

For strict compliance.


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