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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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**TO :** DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES/ OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** RELAXATION OF SHIPPING SCHEDULES IN MATNOG – ALLEN ROUTES DURING BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTION 2023, ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY 2023

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In view of the great influx of the passengers and cargoes/ rolling cargoes during the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election on October 30, 2023, All Saints Day (November 1, 2023) and All Souls Day (November 02, 2023), and to prevent the stranding or long queuing of passengers and/or cargoes, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

**I. RELAXATION IN THE SAILING SCHEDULE**

The strict adherence to the authorized schedule of trips of the affected domestic shipping companies/ operators in the **MATNOG-ALLEN AND VICE VERSA ROUTES** herein covered as granted in their Certificates of Public Convenience is hereby **SUSPENDED**.

To ensure safe, reliable, convenient, continued public service and timely transportation of passengers and cargoes/ rolling cargoes, the following rules shall apply, subject to the conditions of MARINA Advisory No. 2015-10:

1. Ships can immediately depart once their maximum authorized passenger and/or cargo capacities are attained;
2. Upon safe disembarkation of passengers and/or cargoes and approval/ clearance from the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and/or Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), whether or not their authorized passenger and/or cargo capacities are attained, ships shall immediately return to the congested/affected port/s;
3. Ships can increase their sailing frequencies;
4. In the carriage of passengers and/or cargoes, to strictly observe/adhere to the "First-Come, First-Serve" policy, notwithstanding any prior written agreement or arrangement with clients/ shippers; and
5. If the shipping service/s in the affected area/s remains insufficient despite the above measures that have been taken, other shipping companies/ operators may be authorized to deploy their ships in order to ensure the immediate recovery of concerned areas from emergency, congestion or similar circumstances.

**II. PORT TIME STAY**

Notwithstanding the above, all ships operating/ calling the Matnog Port and Port of Allen are further directed to observe a **PORT TIME STAY** to ensure proper berthing space allocation and avoid port congestion:

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1. Port Time Stay
  - a. Port of Matnog, Sorsogon – not more than three (3) hours; and
  - b. Port of Allen, Northern Samar – not more than two (2) hours.
2. To coordinate in advance, the loading of rolling cargoes and facilitation clearances with the port authorities and other agencies/ entities prior departure.

**III. SHIP DOCUMENTS**

The Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)/ Special Permit (SP) and all ship documents/ applicable certificates/ licenses shall remain valid/ updated at all times for the duration of the ship(s)'s operation.

**IV. EFFECTIVITY**

The period of relaxation and flexibility in shipping operations shall take effect on **25 October 2023 valid until 7 November 2023.**

For guidance and compliance of all concerned.

  
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