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SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE CATEGORIZATION OF FISH CARRIERS

This Advisory clarifies the category of fish carrier as falling under the definition of **"Fishing vessel"** pursuant to Section 4(41) of Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as the **"The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998"**, as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, to wit:

"Fishing vessel — any boat, ship or other watercraft equipped to be used for taking of fishery species or aiding or assisting one (1) or more vessels in the performance of any activity relating to fishing, including, but not limited to, preservation, supply, storage, refrigeration, transportation and/or processing."

Thus, the following guidance shall be observed:

1. **Fish Carriers** shall carry the rig type **"FV"**; and
2. All **Fish Carriers** shall comply with all existing relevant safety rules and regulations, whether operating in the domestic or international trade.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


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