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TO : ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES/OPERATORS AND OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF CLASS REQUIREMENT FOR TANKERS, TANKER-BARGES AND SHIPS COVERED UNDER MARINA CIRCULAR NO. 2010-01 AND MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 104

In the best interest of the service and to ensure strict compliance with the classification requirement for tanker, tanker-barges and ships covered under MARINA Circular (MC) No. 2010-01 and MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 104 and its amendments, entitled "*Revised Policy Guidelines on Tankers*" and "*Omnibus Guidelines for the Acquisition of Vessels for Domestic Operations and Fishing Vessels/ Boat*", respectively, the following guidelines are hereby reiterated:

MARINA Circular No. 2010-01

"Section IV – General Provisions

5. All owners, operators or shipmanagers of tankers, tanker-barges and ships covered under this Circular shall comply with the following requirements:

5.5. Classification by IACS or by MARINA accredited local Classification Society pursuant to MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 104 and its subsequent amendment;"

"Section V – Specific Provisions

11. All tankers to be acquired or coming into the system thru importation, bareboat charter shall be IACS classed and IACS class maintained.

Existing tankers not required to be IACS classed and IACS class maintained shall be classed by any MARINA accredited classification society.

New local buildings below 500 GT shall be classed by any MARINA accredited classification society."

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MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 104

“Section V – Specific Provisions

3. CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 12.** All vessels to be acquired¹ under this Circular except motor yachts for personal use, wooden-hulled vessels and fishing vessels/boats, **shall be classed by an international in local classification society recognized by MARINA** prior to deployment or operation. The **vessel’s class shall be maintained** and class survey reports, (annual and special) shall be submitted to the MARINA.”

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned provisions, the following specific guidelines for the classification requirement for tankers and tanker-barges are likewise reiterated:

TYPE OF VESSEL	TYPE OF ACQUISITION	CLASS REQUIREMENT PER APPLICABLE POLICY PROVISION OF MC NO. 2010-01 ²
Existing	Existing tankers not required to be IACS classed and IACS class maintained prior the effectivity of MC No. 2010-01 or prior to 08 January 2011.	Classed by any MARINA Accredited Classification Society (MACS) per Sec. V.11 Par. 2.
New	Acquired through Importation or Bareboat Charter from the effectivity of MC No. 2010-01 or from 08 January 2011.	IACS-classed from the time of importation, and be class-maintained by an IACS member accredited by the MARINA per Sec. V.11 Par. 1.
New	Acquired through Local buildings below 500 GT from the effectivity of MC No. 2010-01 or from 08 January 2011.	Classed by any MARINA Accredited Classification Society (MACS) per Sec. V.11 Par. 3.

¹ Sec. III.1 of MARINA MC No. 104 defines “ACQUISITION” shall include **importation** (direct/ outright/ lease-purchase), **bareboat charter under PD 760**, **local construction** and **permanent conversion of vessel’s trading status** from overseas operations to domestic operations.

² The requirement to be class-maintained by an IACS member **accredited by the MARINA** was in consideration of the implementation of MC No. 165 as amended by MC No. MS-2020-01.

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New	Acquired through Local buildings 500 GT and above from the effectivity of MC No. 2010-01 or from 08 January 2011.	IACS-classed from the time of importation, and be class-maintained by an IACS member accredited by the MARINA per Sec. IV.5.5. <i>(Although not explicitly listed under Section V.11, vessels in this category generally fall under the broader guidance of Sec. IV.5.5 on classification requirement and Sec. V.3 of MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 104)</i>
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All owners, operators or shipmanagers acquiring and operating tankers, tanker-barges and ships covered under MC No. 2010-01 are hereby advised to adhere strictly to the Classification Requirement outlined in the pertinent Circular, specifically under Sections IV.5.5. and V.11, as reiterated herein.

Existing ships that are not yet classed or had been classed by a different classification society, as required under MC No. 2010-01, shall be allowed to comply until the next immediate drydocking schedule or within two (2) years from the issuance of this Advisory, whichever comes later.

All MARINA Regional Offices (MROs) are directed to strictly implement and monitor the aforementioned guidelines during the issuance of ship registration and operational certificates, conduct of inspection, compliance monitoring and enforcement (CME) and safety management audits.

For the guidance, information, and compliance of all concerned.


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