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TO : ALL MARINA REGIONAL OFFICES (MROs), DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES/OWNERS/OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUBDIVISION AND DAMAGE STABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWLY BUILT AND IMPORTED VESSELS

Pursuant to the **MARINA MANCOM-2024-09-005** and **MARINA Circular No. 2015-08**, notice is hereby given to all entities concerned to adopt immediately the following requirements for Damage Stability.

All new ships to be built and ships to be imported covered by this advisory for domestic operation in the Philippines shall meet the subdivision and damage stability requirements specified by this advisory and relevant Circulars.

I. COVERAGE

1. Cargo ships of 80 m in length (L) and above;
2. Oil tankers of 400 GT and above;
3. Chemical tankers of 400 GT and above;
4. Gas carriers of 400 GT and above; and
5. Passenger ships including recreational boats for commercial use carrying more than 36 passengers¹.

II. DEFINITIONS

- a. "**Administration**" refers to the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA).
- b. "**Class A**": Ships engaged on domestic or international voyages other than those covered by classes B, C
- c. "**Class B**": Ships engaged on domestic voyages in coastal navigational areas not more than 20 nautical miles from the nearest coast and where the significant wave height is always less than 2.5 meters during navigation.
- d. "**Class C**": Ships engaged on domestic voyages in protected waters, bay and river or in navigation areas not more than 3 miles from the nearest coast and where the significant wave height is always less than 1.5 meters during navigation.

¹ Per MSC.429(98)



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III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. For new building, ships covered by this Advisory shall submit preliminary Intact and Damage Stability Booklet to the Administration **before** the start of ship construction.
2. The Subdivision and Damage Stability Calculation for Passenger and Cargo Ships covered by this Advisory shall be in compliance with the minimum requirements, standards and criteria provided under SOLAS Chapter II-1, including IMO Resolutions MSC.216(82) and MSC.281(85), based on the approach detailed on the **Table below**:

Area of operation Type of Ship	Class A	Class B	Class C
Passenger Ships	Probabilistic Approach (if year built is on or after 01 January 2009) or Deterministic Approach, (if year built is before 01 January 2009)		Deterministic Approach
High-Speed Craft			
Cargo ships of 80 meters in length and above			
Oil Tankers, Chemical Tankers and Gas Carriers of 400 GT and above ²	Deterministic Approach (as per MARPPOL Annex I, ICLL Reg. 27, IGC, IBC, whichever may apply)		

3. For Imported ships with Damage Stability Calculation Booklet and Damage Control Plan approved by the Flag State Administration of a country or an Organization Recognized by that Administration under **MARINA MC 2018-01**, the shipowner shall submit to the Administration the booklet and plan for approval and subject to verification.
4. The Damage Stability Calculation Booklet and damage control plan approved by an IACS classification society shall be accepted by the Administration.
5. The Damage Stability Calculation Booklet and Damage Control Plan approved by a non-IACS Classification Society shall submit to the Administration the booklet and plan for approval and subject to verification.
6. The shipowner/ operator or the shipbuilder shall submit to the Administration for approval the quadruplicate / four (4) copies and soft copies of the Damage Stability Calculation Booklet and Damage Control Plan approved by a MARINA-Accredited Maritime Companies/Entities for Stability Calculation and Assessment Services. The two (2) copies of the approved Damage Stability Calculation

² Tanker Ships engaged in international trade shall comply with the requirements of the international conventions and codes (MARPPOL Annex I, ICLL Reg. 27, IGC, IBC whichever may apply) and are exempt from the damage stability requirements outlined in this advisory.



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Booklet and Damage Control Plan shall be given to the shipowner/ operator or the shipbuilder applicant. Additional copies for approval beyond the requirements shall be charged for additional fees.

7. The Passenger Ship Safety Certificate or Cargo Ship Safety Certificate shall not be issued if the ship has no approved Damage Stability Booklet and Calculation.
8. All ship shall keep a copy of the approved Damage Stability Booklet and Damage Control Plan on board at all times.

IV. TRANSITORY PROVISION

Applications for acquisition of ships with approved shipbuilding contract for new building or deed of sale for existing ships to be imported shall comply with the requirements of the Subdivision and Damage Stability, as specified upon effectivity of this Advisory.

This Advisory shall take effect on 01 March 2025.


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