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TO : ALL SHIPOWNERS AND ALL OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES/PARTIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF THE REQUIREMENT ON THE USE/ INSTALLATION OF MONITORING CAMERAS ON BOARD PASSENGER – CARRYING AND PASSENGER RORO VESSELS OPERATING IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE

In the interest of the service and to enhance navigational safety and facilitate accident investigation, the following guidelines on the installation and operation of closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitoring systems onboard ships are hereby reiterated and adopted:

1. All covered passenger ships and passenger Ro-Ro vessels are hereby directed to comply with the following existing rules and regulations:
 - a. All **Philippine-registered passenger-carrying and passenger RO-RO vessels of 500 GT and above**, in accordance with the minimum specifications and requirements outlined in MARINA Flag State Administration Advisory (FSAA) No. 10, Series of 1999¹.
 - b. All **passenger ships, RO-RO passenger ships and fast crafts with below 500 GT or passenger ships less than 24 meters in length or carrying less than 200 passengers**, in accordance with Regulation 19.1.2 of Chapter VIII of the Passenger Ship Safety Rules and Regulations (PSSRR) of 2020².
2. All ships propelled by mechanical means except motorbancas with outriggers are **strongly encouraged to proactively install CCTV systems in critical areas** of the vessel such as **passenger hallways, upper decks, staircases, embarkation/disembarkation points**, and other locations deemed as **safety-**

¹ Period of compliance commenced on 31 December 1999, pursuant to Section III of MARINA Flag State Administration Advisory (FSAA) No. 10, Series of 1999

² For new vessels, the period of compliance began on 01 January 2021 in accordance with Regulation 2.1 of the Passenger Ship Safety Rules and Regulations (PSSRR) of 2020. For existing ships, the compliance period started on 01 January 2024 pursuant Regulation 1 of Chapter VIII of the PSSRR of 2020.



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sensitive or high-risk, to ensure the effective safeguarding of life, property, and vessel operations with consideration on the following:

- a. The installed CCTV systems shall be designed and configured to enable uninterrupted monitoring and recording of all identified areas. All video recordings must be retained for a **minimum period of thirty (30) days** to support incident review, investigation, and operational oversight.
 - b. Shipowners and operators shall ensure that the procedures for real-time electronic surveillance and monitoring of all critical areas are clearly documented and **implemented within the vessel's Safety Management System (SMS) Manual**. This shall include provisions for shore-based monitoring, data access protocols, and emergency retrieval procedures, as necessary.
 - c. All monitoring records, including footage logs, system functionality reports, identified coverage areas, and technical specifications of the surveillance equipment, shall be made available for inspection **and shall be subject to verification during safety management audits**.
3. Notice is hereby given that the installation of CCTV systems onboard ships as provided in item 2, shall be mandatory upon the issuance of a corresponding Memorandum Circular.

All MARINA Regional Offices and the Enforcement Service shall monitor adherence to this issuance during the conduct of inspection, audit, compliance monitoring and enforcement activities

For compliance.


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