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TO : ALL SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS, SHIP MANAGERS, SHIP OFFICERS AND CREW OF DOMESTIC SHIPS CARRYING PASSENGERS, AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT : STRICT ENFORCEMENT AND REITERATION OF SAFETY REQUIREMENT AND EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS FOR ALL DOMESTIC PASSENGER SHIPS

In view of the recent maritime incidents/accidents involving domestic passenger ships, and as part of the continuing effort to enhance passenger safety and prevent loss of life at sea, the strict compliance to the following existing rules and regulations are hereby reiterated:

1. MARINA Circular No. 72, as amended by MARINA Circular No. 136 on the Rules on the Implementation of 10-minute Film on the Safety Features of a Vessel;
2. MARINA Circular No. 114 on the Preventive Safety Measures and Other Concerns;
3. MARINA Circular No. 2016-04, as amended by MC No. 2018-06 on Life Jacket Requirements;
4. MARINA Circular No. 2015-11 on the Implementation of International Safety Management Code in the Domestic Vessels;
5. Philippine Ship Safety Rules and Regulations (PSSRR) for Passenger Ships, Chapter IX – Life Saving Appliances, Part A or Part B.

For this purpose, the following guidelines are hereby provided:

1. PASSENGER SAFETY BRIEFING AND SAFETY FILM¹

- a. A minimum 10-minute passenger safety briefing shall be conducted prior to departure, which shall include:

¹ Per MC No. 72, MC No. 136, and PSSRR for Passenger Ships, Chapter IX – Life Saving Appliances, Part A or Part B, Regulation 2.7.7.



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- i. Showing of a safety film or video presentation as required under MC No. 72;
 - ii. Actual demonstration on wearing of lifejacket by the crew; and
 - iii. Regular announcements through the public address (PA) system of the safety features and what to do during emergency situations.
- b. Passenger vessels shall display clear, durable, and easily understood safety posters and signages in conspicuous locations, providing the following information:
1. Signages and location of lifejackets and life rafts/lifeboats;
 2. Wearing of lifejackets and use of the whistle;
 3. Signages to emergency exits;
 4. Location of the Muster Station or Evacuation Assembly Area; and
 5. Display of the general emergency alarms.
- c. Exits and emergency exits shall be clear and free from any obstructions and shall be clearly marked at all times.
- d. Exits and emergency exit signages shall be illuminated or visible under emergency lighting conditions and installed along escape routes, corridors, and stairways.
- e. Companies are also enjoined to provide safety cards and/or QR codes to access emergency and safety protocols including emergency numbers of the company.
- 2. WEARING OF THE PROPER PRESCRIBED UNIFORM BY THE SHIP'S OFFICERS AND CREW²**

For the purpose of easy identification and ready access by passengers needing information/assistance, the wearing of proper prescribed uniform and IDs by the ship's officers and crew, including security personnel, while they are on duty, is strictly enjoined.

3. LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS³

- a. The Master shall ensure sufficient number of lifejackets in good condition at all times during voyages for the following:

² Per Section 1.3 of MC No. 114.

³ Per MC No. 2016-04, MC No. 2018-06 and PSSRR for Passenger Ships, Chapter IX – Life Saving Appliances, Part A or Part B, Regulation 2.7.4-8.



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- i. Every passenger onboard;
 - ii. Every crew member;
 - iii. Additional lifejackets for children and infants, equivalent to ten percent (10%) and five percent (5%), respectively, of the total authorized passenger capacity.
- b. All life jackets must be stored and stowed under the seats, bunks or in reachable, readily available and easily accessible manner or distributed to each and every passenger upon embarkation.
 - c. All life jacket cabinets shall be properly marked with lifejacket symbols in luminous material and shall not be locked during voyage.
 - d. Life jackets for children and infants shall be distributed mandatorily during embarkation and collected during disembarkation upon arrival. Crew members shall ensure that properly sized lifejackets have been provided and brief the parents or guardians in the proper fitting of said lifejackets.

User's size:	Infant	Child
Weight (kg)	Less than 15	15 or more but less than 43
Height (cm)	Less than 100	100 or more but less than 155

4. CONDUCT OF EMERGENCY DRILLS⁴

- a. Ship Masters shall ensure familiarization in the use of LSA and Firefighting Equipment.
- b. Ship Masters shall ensure the regular conduct of drills as prescribed in their shipboard safety management system.
- c. All drills and related training shall be recorded in the ship's logbook and the company's prescribed official form, reviewed by the company and with documentary evidence such as photos and videos of actual drills conducted.

5. MASTER'S OVERRIDING AUTHORITY⁵

The overriding authority of the Master in relation to safety of the ship, crew and passengers shall be recognized and respected at all times.

⁴ Per PSSRR for Passenger Ships, Chapter IX – Life Saving Appliances, Part A or Part B, Regulation 3.

⁵ Per MC No. 2015-11 (Implementation of ISM Code).



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Shipowners, operators, Masters, and company management are directed to ensure strict compliance with the foregoing requirements. Non-compliance shall be subject to applicable penalties and sanctions, including suspension of the Safety Certificate, after due process and in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.


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