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MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2026-15

TO : ALL DOMESTIC SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, CHARTERERS, CARGO OWNERS, SHIPPERS AND OTHER MARITIME ENTITIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENTAL CONTINGENCY MEASURES TO ADDRESS IMPACT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS TO THE PHILIPPINE MARITIME INDUSTRY

In line with the directive of the Department of Transportation in a meeting held on 23 March 2026 and in accordance with the intervention powers of the Maritime Industry authority (MARINA) under Republic Act (RA) No. 9295 (Section 10.12), this Advisory is hereby issued to ensure price stability amid rising global fuel costs and state of national energy emergency.

All shipping operators are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Weekly Rate Adjustment Limits

Shipping operators must observe the Required Rate Adjustment (RRA) to be issued by MARINA on a weekly basis. The RRA shall serve as the maximum allowable limit for any rate adjustments implemented by shipping operators specifically attributed to fuel price fluctuations.

A maximum of 30% increase based on the RRA as of 27 March 2026 from the base rate/published rate indicated in the Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) of the domestic shipping companies and operators as of 28 February 2026 is allowed. The RRA of 30% includes the initial 20% ceiling provided in MARINA Advisory No. 2026-10.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the transport of agricultural products and basic/critical commodities shall continue to be given priority and remain subject to the 20% limit for rate adjustment attributed to fuel price fluctuations.

2. Notification Requirements for Rate Increases

Prior to implementing any upward rate adjustment, operators must inform both MARINA and the general public at least **three (3) calendar days before the effectivity date**. Notice must be provided via:

- Publication in a newspaper of general or regional circulation; **OR**
- Posting in conspicuous areas, including: affected ports, vessels, company premises, passenger terminals, ticketing offices, and official company websites or social media accounts.

3. Mandatory Downward Adjustments

Should global fuel prices decrease, operators are mandated to implement a corresponding downward rate adjustment. Similar to increases, these must be posted or published and will **take effect three (3) calendar days following the notification**.

4. Monitoring and Compliance

MARINA shall conduct regular monitoring of freight and passage rates to ensure compliance. Failure to adhere to these guidelines or any instance of overcharging beyond the RRA shall be subject to administrative fines and sanctions.

This issuance serves as a supplement to **MARINA Advisory (MA) No. 2026-10** and shall take effect immediately.


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