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

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

In view of the recent developments on the Middle East Crisis that continue to escalate causing volatility in global markets, specifically driving up global fuel prices and increasing shipping, logistics and energy costs due to the shutdown of fuel facilities across the Middle East and disruption of tanker shipping operations, **NOTICE** is hereby given to all concerned ***on the following contingency/ emergency measures to address the expected surge on fuel prices and possible shortage of supply:***

I. Rationalization and Relaxation of Shipping Operations/ Domestic Sea Transport

1. Shipping companies/operators shall submit to the MARINA Central Office through its Franchising Service (FS) their **Business Continuity Plan**, including the energy conservation protocols, within ten (10) calendar days from issuance of this Advisory.
2. Shipping companies/operators may reduce or limit trips of ships, consolidating passengers and cargo volume to optimize load capacity of ships, subject to MARINA's approval.
3. Shipping companies/operators shall prioritize the transport of basic and critical commodities/cargoes.
4. Cancellation of trips may be allowed subject to MARINA's approval, except due to technical problems that may compromise safety of ship operation.

5. Shipping companies/operators shall issue travel advisories informing passengers of possible trip consolidation, schedule changes, or travel limitations approved by MARINA

II. Measures to Reduce the Cost of Shipping Operations and Cushion the Surge of Fuel Prices, Subject to MARINA Board Approval and Issuance of Corresponding Memorandum Circular

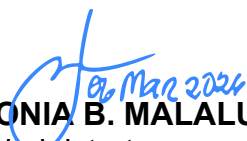
Shipping companies may avail of all the following measures:

1. MARINA may waive the payment of the annual tonnage fee due in 2026;
2. MARINA may grant 75% discount on the payment of fees and charges on applications for issuance of ship documents /certificates during the period of crisis only;
3. MARINA may suspend the implementation of the new fees and charges

III. Passenger Fare/ Cargo Freight Rates Regulation

1. Shipping companies/operators shall submit to concerned MARINA Regional Office (MRO), within three (3) calendar days from issuance of this Advisory the passenger fare and cargo freight base fare, as of 28 February 2026.
2. Upward adjustment of passenger fare and cargo freight rates or fuel surcharge up to a maximum of 20% of the base fare. Such adjustment or surcharge shall be allowed only during the crisis period.
3. Any upward adjustment or fuel surcharge of more than 20% shall be subject to MARINA's evaluation.
4. Immediately after the cessation of the emergency/ crisis, shipping companies shall implement downward adjustment and remove fuel surcharge or revert to the fare/ freight rates prior to the crisis.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


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