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TO : ALL SHIPOWNERS/ OPERATORS, AND MASTERS
OF DOMESTIC PASSENGER SHIPS, AND ALL
OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF “NO TICKET, NO BOARDING”
POLICY AND MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF
PASSENGER MANIFEST

In the interest of public safety, the protection of life at sea, and the promotion of orderly, transparent, and accountable passenger ship operations, and in furtherance of the Administration’s policy to strengthen maritime safety, security, and regulatory compliance in domestic shipping, all shipowners/ operators and Masters of domestic vessels are hereby **DIRECTED** to strictly observe and comply with the following:

1. No Ticket, No Boarding Policy

- No passenger shall be allowed to board any domestic passenger vessel without a valid and duly issued passenger ticket.
- The mandatory issuance of tickets prior to boarding shall be observed at all times.
- The practice of accommodating unticketed passengers, whether by tolerance or omission, is strictly prohibited.
- Effective boarding control procedures shall be maintained to ensure that only properly ticketed passengers are permitted to embark.

2. Mandatory Submission of Passenger Manifest

- The submission of the passenger manifest to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and other concerned government agencies shall be strictly complied with. Such submission shall be made in a timely manner and in the form prescribed by the Administration¹ and other competent authorities, in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

¹ Memorandum Circular No. 180, *Rules to Govern Passenger Manifests on Board Philippine Registered Passenger Ships*



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- The manifest shall accurately reflect the true number and identities of passengers onboard. Any discrepancy shall constitute a serious safety and regulatory violation.
- Submission of an electronic passenger manifest should be deemed compliant, provided it has complied with the form and content of prescribed passenger manifest.

3. Accountability of the Master and Shipowner/ Operator

The Master and shipowner/ operator shall be jointly and severally responsible for ensuring that only properly ticketed passengers are boarded, that all passengers are duly recorded in the manifest, and that no vessel departs without a complete and verified passenger manifest.

4. Sanctions for Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with this Advisory shall be dealt with in accordance with existing MARINA rules and regulations and may result in the imposition of administrative fines and penalties, suspension or revocation of certificates, permits, or authorities, and the institution of other appropriate administrative actions.

This Advisory is issued as an interim and immediate regulatory measure, pending the approval and issuance of the proposed *Rules and Regulations on the Mandatory Implementation of Shipping Online Ticketing System (SOTS) for Inter-Island Passenger Ships*, to institutionalize stricter passenger control and documentation measures in domestic shipping.

For strict compliance.


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