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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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TO : ALL CONCERNED SHIPOWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP MANAGERS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF PHILIPPINE REGISTERED SHIPS ENGAGED IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE

SUBJECT : TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MARINA CIRCULAR NO. SR 2020 - 06 AND MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2024 - 35 ON LOW SULPHUR CAP DURING THE STATE OF NATIONAL ENERGY EMERGENCY

In response to the State of National Energy Emergency declaration under Executive Order No. 110 s. 2026 due to the escalating geopolitical situation in the Middle East which has significantly affected the global availability, supply and cost of compliant marine fuels, and in line with Department of Energy (DOE) Department Circular No. DC2026-03-0010 entitled, Interim Authority to Introduce Euro II/2 Petroleum Products in the Transport and Industry Sector, this Advisory is hereby Issued, temporarily suspending the implementation and compliance to the low Sulphur Cap requirements under MARPOL Annex VI, as adopted through MARINA Circular No. SR 2020-06 and MARINA Advisory No. 2024-35.

In view thereof, the following alternative guidelines are thus adopted:

1. Ship owners/ shipping companies that are using compliant fuel may be allowed to revert to the use of bunker fuel or other fuel to help stabilize and rationalize available fuel in the market during the National State of Energy Emergency only;
2. Ship owners/ shipping companies that have secured approval of their Ship-Specific Implementation Plans (SIPs), whose ships have already converted to compliant systems and/or whose ships scheduled to undergo transition this year but are temporarily unable to comply due to fuel supply constraints/ sudden price hikes, shall be allowed one (1) year postponement / extension of transition based on the submitted SIPs; and
3. Ship owners/ shipping companies who have not extended their ships compliance under the MARINA Advisory No. 2024-35 shall be given one (1) year to comply from the issuance of this Advisory, subject for approval upon company's request for extension.

Notwithstanding these, all shipowners/companies are enjoined to adopt fuel efficiency measures, and best environmental practices, as well as maintaining accurate oil record books, bunker delivery notes, and other fuel documentation onboard, in accordance with existing MARINA regulations and MARPOL Annex VI requirements.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until normal fuel supply conditions are restored.

For compliance.

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