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MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2026-50
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TO : **ALL DOMESTIC SHIPOWNERS / OPERATORS / CHARTERERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **MONITORING AND REPORTING OF TEMPORARY VESSEL SUBSTITUTION/REPLACEMENT WITHIN CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE (CPC) AUTHORIZED LINER ROUTES**

Pursuant to Rule III, Section 7.9 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9295, as amended, and to ensure compliance with the safety and operational requirements of the domestic vessels plying in the authorized routes indicated in the CPC, NOTICE is given that the following measures are hereby adopted in monitoring the temporary vessel substitution/replacement within CPC authorized liner routes:

1. The MARINA having the sole jurisdiction to approve the qualifications of a vessel to serve a proposed route must ensure that all domestic ships adhere to the safety and operational requirements before allowing them to navigate under the cited scheme.

2. A domestic ship operator/owner, through electronic mail or other authorized method, shall submit a Vessel Substitution Form (VSF) (Annex "A") to the MRO-CPC (MRO which issued the CPC) on a proposed substitution/replacement of ships within any of its CPC authorized routes at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the substitution. In case of emergency as verified by the MARINA, the period of prior notice may be shortened to twenty-four (24) hours. The application for vessel substitution / replacement shall be at no cost to the ship operator/owner.

3. The domestic ship operators/owners shall ensure that pertinent safety and other certificates of the ship/s involved must be valid at all times.

4. The MRO-CPC shall approve the proposed substitution upon verification of compliance with the minimum safe manning requirement and crew list indicating the names, positions and licenses of officers as crew,and mandatory minimum service standards applicable to the route where the ship will be deployed. The MRO-AOR (MRO having jurisdiction in the area of operation or route) shall confirm the suitability of the substitute ship to the route and sailing schedule within its area of jurisdiction and may conduct actual verification/visit prior to the substitute ship's departure.

5. If the substitute ship is of the same category with the original ship in terms of compliance with safety and operational requirements cited in item no. 4 above, the MRO-CPC shall automatically approve the proposed substitution.

   The MRO-CPC or MRO-AOR shall communicate the approval and/or confirmation, as the case may be, of the substitution with the domestic ship operator/owner.

6. In case the MRO-CPC and the MRO-AOR are the same, compliance with the manning requirement, crew competency and service standards shall still undergo verification and the proposed substitution shall still be subject for approval.

7. The implementation of Item 7 of the MARINA Advisory No. 2026-02 on suspension of minimum service standards will only be considered as intended in the cited Advisory.

8. Violations of this Advisory and other MARINA rules and regulations shall be dealt with accordingly.

For strict compliance.

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Administrator

ANNEX A
APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF VESSEL

PART I: To be filled-up by **Domestic Shipowner/Operator (Applicant)**

Name of Domestic Shipowner/Operator		
Reason for Substitution	**Regular** [1]	**Emergency**[2]
Name of Vessel (Originally Deployed)		
Authorized Route per CPC issued on _____		
Travel Time		
Name of Substitute Vessel		
Previous Route served		
Previous time travel served		
Signature		
Full Name of Domestic Shipowner/Operator or Representative:		
Designation		
Signature/Date		

PART II: To be filled-up by **MRO-CPC Technical Staff (TS)**

Ship Certificate/ Document	**Date of Issuance / Validity**	**Validated/Verified as compliant with applicable MARINA Circulars**
1. Manning Requirements[3]	**(original route)**	**(new route)**
a. Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSMC) b. Crew List (with name, position, license)		*Name, position and signature of MRO Technical Staff*
2. Mandatory Minimum Service Standards [4]		
a. Certificate of Compliance (COC)		*Name, position and signature of MRO Technical Staff*

[1] Filed 7 c.d. prior to substitution of ships

[2] Filed w/in 24hrs prior to substitution of ships

PART III: ACTION REQUIRED BY MRO-AOR

☐ Information ☐ Concurrence ☐ Verification

Name & Signature	*Position*	Date

PART IV: ACTION REQUIRED BY MRO-CPC

☐ Concurred / verified ☐ Not Concurred / verified ☐ Noted

Name & Signature	*Position*	Date

PART V: APPROVAL

Operator / Company	
Substitute Vessel	
Route	

☐ Approved

☐ Disapproved

RD/OIC Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Cc: MRO-CPC
MRO-AOR