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PPA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 20 - 84

T O : Port Managers, Domestic Shipping Companies
and their Agents, Shipowners and Ship
Operators, Ship Captains, Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Implementing Guidelines for Enforcement of
Route Authorization for Coastwise Vessels

Pursuant to Section 6-a (111) of Presidential Decree No. 857, Administrative Order No. 04-83 dated 20 April 1983 and Memorandum Circular No. 10-84 dated 4 May 1984, the following implementing guidelines are hereby adopted to ensure uniform and effective enforcement of route authorization of inter-island or coastwise vessels plying the country:

Section 1. Vessels Covered - All vessels engaged in coastwise trade, liner or tramp service, or in bay and river trade, shall be covered by this Circular, except, vessels of five (5) gross tons or less, fishing boats, pleasure or non-commercial crafts, Philippine Navy vessels and vessels in distress.

Section 2. Submission of Proof of Authority to Engage in Coastwise Shipping or Bay and River Trade - The following procedures shall be followed in the documentation of route authorization for domestic operation of vessels:

- a. All vessels covered by this Circular shall, through their owners, agents or shipcaptains, submit or furnish within 30 days for liner and six (6) months for trampers from the effectivity of this Circular to the Port Manager concerned a certified true copy of the Certificate of Public Convenience, Provisional Authority or any other form of authorization, license or franchise from the Board of Transportation, Philippine Coast Guard or other pertinent government agencies, as proof(s) of its authority to call on any port(s) or ply a particular route and schedule.
- b. The Port Manager concerned shall compile said copies of authority to serve as basis for allowing the entry of any vessels in his port(s) and for the approval of their application for berths. In case of domestic liner vessels, their entry and berth allocation shall be also governed by the particulars contained in the franchise issued by the BOT, which specify in detail not only the authorized ports of call, but also the authorized day and time of arrival and departure.

- c. In case of tramping vessels, entry and berth allocation shall also be subject to terms and condition specified in the franchises issued by BOT.
- d. The entry and berth allocation of temporary converted foreign vessels to engage in domestic/coastwise service shall be governed by the terms and conditions of their Special Permit or Authority issued by pertinent government agencies.

Section 3. Sanction - For failure to submit within the required period in this Circular the documents stated in Section 2 hereof, the following penalties shall be applied:

- a. Denial of entry and berth allocation of vessels involved.
- b. The denial of such entry and berth allocation shall be without prejudice to the fines and penalties authorized under Administrative Order No. 09-82 dated 15 December 1982.

Section 4. Repealing Clause - All PPA issuances inconsistent herewith is hereby amended accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity - This Circular shall take effect immediately.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:


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