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### **GUIDELINES DURING EMERGENCY, HOLIDAY SEASON AND SPECIAL OCCASION**

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Pursuant to the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 474 and the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing RA No. 9295, and to ensure safe, reliable, convenient, and continued public service during Emergency, Holiday Seasons, and Special Occasions, all Philippine-registered liner ships carrying passengers and/or cargoes, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

1. During emergency situation, holiday season or special occasion as defined in Annex "A"[\*] which has resulted or is likely to result in the stranding of passengers and/or cargoes, the Director/Officer-in-Charge of the Franchising Service shall act as the Focal Person whenever said situations affect areas falling within the jurisdiction of the MARINA Central Office. When the affected areas are covered by the jurisdiction of the regional offices, the Director/Officer-in-Charge of the concerned regional office shall act as the Focal Person.
2. The rules on the strict adherence to the CPC-authorized schedule of trips of authorized ship operators of Philippine-registered ships carrying passengers and/or cargoes in the affected area(s)/route(s), shall be lifted only at the instance or upon directive/approval of MARINA. In such case, the following rules shall apply
  - 2.1 Ships can immediately depart once their maximum authorized passenger and/or cargo capacities are attained;
  - 2.2 Upon safe disembarkation of passengers and/or cargoes and approval/ clearance from the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and/or Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), whether or not their authorized passenger and/or cargo capacities are attained, ships shall immediately return to the congested/ affected port/s;
  - 2.3 Ships can increase their sailing frequency; and,
  - 2.4 In the carriage of passengers and/or cargoes, to strictly observe/adhere to the "First-Come, First-Serve" policy, notwithstanding any prior written agreement or arrangement with clients/shippers.
3. The implementation of the above changes/adjustments in ship/s schedule of routes shall be allowed on the condition that such change/amendment/