

**[MIA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 17,
September 10, 1978]**

**AGE AND TONNAGE (OR BHP) LIMITATIONS AND
CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF VARIOUS VESSEL TYPES**

Please be informed that the Maritime Industry Authority Board, in its meeting on September 15, 1978, has approved the following guidelines/limitations on the importation of Vessels:

Type of Vessel	Minimum Size Limit	Maximum Age Limit
Barges	Total restriction	—
Tugboats	4000 BHP	12 yrs
LCTs 2000	DWT	10 yrs
Fishing Boats	250 GRT	10 yrs
Cargo Vessels	750-1000 DWT	8 yrs
	1000 DWT and above	10 yrs
Ferry Vessels	Total restriction	—
Passenger Vessels	No restriction	10 yrs
Cargo-Passenger Vessels	750 DWT	10 yrs
Specialized Vessels e.g. RO-RO/ Containerized/ Reefer/etc.	No restriction	12 yrs
Tankers	1000 DWT and above	12 yrs

An additional two (2) years may be allowed in meritorious cases as determined on the basis of favorable cost-benefit analysis.

All vessels proposed to be imported should be classed by a recognized international classification society, i.e., an accredited member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS).

MARINA CIRCULAR No. 10 dated Jan. 1, 1977, insofar as it is not inconsistent with this Circular, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please be guided accordingly.