

**[ MARINA CIRCULAR NO. 2005-002, October 19, 2005 ]**

**RULES AMENDING CHAPTER XV, REGULATION 8 OF THE 1997 PMMRR ON THE OFFICIAL NUMBER AND MARKING OF SHIPS AND PROVIDING FOR ITS ANNUAL VALIDATION**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as well as Sec. 2 (c) of P.D. No. 474, Sec. 5 (d) of E.O. No. 125 as amended and the Public Service Act as amended, and in relation to Regulation XV/8 of the 1997 Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR) the following rules are hereby adopted:

**I. Objective**

1. To foster a more effective and easy identification, supervision and monitoring of all shipping transport service in the country;
2. To generate a more accurate and realistic profile of the country's domestic operating fleet for purpose of formulating promotional and developmental programs for the industry; and
3. To periodically verify and insure, in the interest of maritime safety, that the required certificates/documents for the operation of ships remain valid and updated.

**II. Coverage**

The coverage of this Circular shall be all types of ships of domestic ownership, regardless of tonnage, issued with a Certificate of Vessel/Philippine Registry, including ships acquired under P.D. Nos. 760/866/1711 documented for domestic trade.

The following ships are not covered by this Circular:

1. Warships, naval and coast guard vessel;
2. Non-motorized bancas, sailboats and other waterborn contrivance of less than three (3) gross tons capacity; and
3. Fishing vessels with three (3) gross tons and below where the registration of the same are lodged with the Local Government Units (LGU) concerned, as provided for under Executive Order No. 305, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

**III. General Provisions**

**1. Issuance of Marking Plate with the Corresponding Ship's Official Number;**

1.1 All ships, upon the renewal of its safety documents, as provided for in the Ship Safety Inspection System (SSIS), shall obtain before the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) a Ship Marking Plate (SMP) herein attached as Annex "A" \* to form as an integral part hereof, with an assigned Official Number as indicated in its Certificate of Ownership and/or Certificate of Vessel Registry, which shall be plainly visible, clear of any other markings on the hull and shall be permanently fixed and secured in the ship's superstructure.

1.2 The SMP issued to ships covered under this Circular shall be the basis of the MARINA to validate the registration of ships issued and currently operating in the domestic trade.

1.3 The MARINA shall maintain an annual inventory of registered ships operating during the current year, to be referred to as "Domestic Operating Fleet" by obtaining the number of SMP issued within one year from the effectivity of this Circular.

**2. Annual Validation of Ship Official Number and Markings:**

2.1 All ships covered under Sec. II hereof shall apply with the MARINA an annual validation of ship registration reckoned within one year from the issuance of its SMP.

2.2 Upon compliance with the prescribed documentary requirements and payment of pertinent fees thereof, the annual validation of ship registration shall be effected with the issuance of a Ship Validation Receipt (SVR), herein attached as Annex "B" \* to form part as an integral part hereof, which shall be renewable every year thereafter.

2.3 A corresponding sticker shall be issued reflecting the year when the ship registration was validated and shall be attached to the lower right hand portion of the SMP issued to the ship.

2.4 The annual validation of registration shall be effected at the Maritime Regional Offices wherein the SMP was issued.

2.5 Duly authenticated copy of the valid SVR shall be kept on board the ship at all times, together with the original or duly authenticated copy of the CVR/CPR.

2.6 The CVR/CPR of a ship, which fails to have its registration certificate validated for three (3) consecutive years shall be cancelled/revoked and shall not form part of the Domestic Operating Fleet.

2.7 The SMP of a ship may be surrendered with the Maritime Regional Offices wherein the said Plate was issued prior to the date of renewal of SVR in order to avoid payment of surcharge and/or the filing of administrative charges.

**3. Requirements for Renewal:**

**3.1 Submission of photocopies of registration certificates:**

- i. Certificate of Vessel/Philippine Registry;
- ii. Previous Ship Validation Receipt, if applicable;