

**[ MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 177,  
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**REGULATION AMENDING CHAPTER XV OF THE 1997 PMMR ON  
THE REGISTRATION, DOCUMENTATION AND LICENSING OF  
SHIPS**

Pursuant to P.D. 474, Executive Order No. 125, as amended, and the Public Service Act as amended, the following amendments to Chapter XV of the 1997 Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations (PMMRR) are hereby adopted and prescribed:

*I. OBJECTIVES*

1. To ensure proper recording of any transactions or events that may affect the right or interest of persons who may have taken charge of or acquired beneficial interest over a Philippine registered ship so that responsibilities for liabilities that may be incurred in the operation of such ships could be pinpointed; and,
2. To enhance and strengthen the implementation and monitoring capabilities of the Administration.

*II. COVERAGE*

Unless expressly provided otherwise, this Memorandum Circular shall apply to the following Philippine-registered ships engaged in domestic voyages:

1. All types of motorized ships of more than 3.0 tons gross, including fishing vessels; and
2. Ships, regardless of size, operating as a public carrier pursuant to the Public Service Act, as amended.

*III. REGULATION XV/5, CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP*

1. The buyer/transferee of a Philippine-registered ship shall, within fifteen (15) days from approval by the Administration of the sale/transfer of ownership, secure a new Certificate of Ownership (CO)/Certificate of Philippine Registry (CPR) or Certificate of Vessel Registry (CVR) from her current homeport.
2. In case of judicial sale/award, the buyer/awardee shall secure a new CO/CPR(CVR) from the current homeport within fifteen (15) days from the favorable endorsement by the Administration.
3. If there is a corresponding change of homeport as a result of the transfer of ownership, the buyer/transferee shall instead secure clearance to change homeport from the current home port. The buyer/transferred shall, upon grant

of the clearance by the current homeport, file an application for the issuance of a new CO/CPR (CVR) in the new homeport.

4. The concerned MARINA office in the current homeport or the new homeport, as the case may be, shall issue a new CO/CPR(CVR) upon proper application made by the buyer/transferee, provided, the new homeport shall provide the current homeport with a copy of the CO/CPR (CVR) thus issued.

5. If the buyer/transferee is a foreign national, the seller/transferor shall, within fifteen (15) days from the transfer, cause the deletion of the ship from the Philippine Port of Registry pursuant to Regulation XV/II.

6. The buyer/transferee shall submit the following documentary requirements:

6.1 For issuance of new CO/CPR(CVR):

6.1.1 Letter of Application

6.1.2 Approval of Sale/Transfer of Ownership issued by the Administration;

6.1.3 Original CO/CPR(CVR);

6.1.4 Power of Attorney or Secretary's Certificate authorizing the applicant to file the application in behalf of the company/owner and,

6.1.5 If there is a corresponding change of homeport, clearance issued by the current homeport.

6.2 For clearance to change of homeport as a result of change of ownership:

6.2.1 Letter of Application indicating therein the reason for the change of homeport; and,

6.2.2 Business Address at the new homeport

#### *IV. REGULATION XV/6, HOMEPORT*

##### 1. Homeport

A ship shall be homeported in her port of call or her area of operation nearest to where the company's principal office is located.

##### 2. Certificates

All safety and trading certificates of a ship shall be issued by the concerned MARINA Office where the ship is homeported.

##### 3. Change of Homeport

3.1 A homeport may be changed in any of the following instances:

1. change in ports of call or area of operation of the ship; or

2. change of owner, operator or manager of the ship who is domiciled in another place.