

[MIA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 147, June 03, 1999]

RULES ON COMPLIANCE WITH CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES, ANIMALS, PLANTS, FOREST PRODUCTS, FISH AND AQUATIC PRODUCTS, MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AND TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO BE LOADED AND ONBOARD INTERISLAND SHIPS

Pursuant to Sections 2(b), and 6(b) of Presidential Decree No. 474 and to implement Section 3.2 of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated 03 February 1999 among the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on the specific powers, functions and responsibilities of concerned Departments and its Officer/Agencies relative to the inspection, checking and issuance of clearance requirements for the movement of domestic goods/cargoes, please be informed that the MARINA Board has approved the following rules during its 148th meeting on 03 June 1999.

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Objective

1. To ensure strict compliance with clearance requirements of the parties to the aforesaid MOA for certain classes/categories of goods/cargoes to be loaded on board domestic vessels; and
2. To increase mobility of domestic vessels and domestic goods/cargoes in the ports and reduce transport cost by rationalizing clearance requirements.

II

Coverage

This Circular shall apply to all Philippine-registered ships engaged in the domestic trade.

III

Policy Statements

1. The relevant rules and regulations, circulars or laws of the aforesaid government agencies who are parties to the MOA governing clearance requirements for certain types/categories of cargoes/goods to be loaded/transported domestic vessels are hereby deemed incorporated in this Circular by reference.
2. The Shipowner shall institute a mechanism to ensure that cargoes accepted by its agents for loading onboard their vessels shall be covered by the appropriate

clearance from the concerned agencies enumerated under (3) below.

3. Likewise, the Master of the vessel shall accept at the port of loading only cargoes which are covered by the necessary clearance from the appropriate government agency/ies, as prescribed under MOA dated 03 February 1999 and reproduced below:

3.1 Plants and animals, its by-products and related materials

Applicability of clearance: When they come from/go to areas with quarantine restrictions

Clearance Required: Bureau of Plant and Industry (BPI)/Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Clearance

3.2 Fish and Aquatic Products

Applicability of clearance: When they come from/go to areas with quarantine services

Clearance Required: Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)

3.3 Forestry and Wildlife Products, Flora and Fauna

Applicability of clearance: When loaded on board domestic vessel

Requirements: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) clearance and transport permit

3.4 Minerals, Mineral Products and Ores

Applicability of clearance: When loaded on board domestic vessel;

Requirements: Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Transport Permit, Delivery Receipt and Certification

3.5 Toxic and Hazardous Materials *

Applicability of clearance: When loaded on board domestic vessel

Requirements: Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Permit to transport

3.6 Motor Vehicles and Parts

Applicability of clearance: When transported from one port to another

Requirements:

- Proof of ownership consisting of Registration Certificate and Official Receipt.
- Traffic Management Group (TMG) clearance valid for 30 days
- (N.B. checking at Port of loading only)