

**[MIA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 135,
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**RULES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VOICE TAPE ON THE
SAFETY FEATURES OF A VESSEL**

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 125, as amended, and the Public Service Act, as amended, the following rules are hereby prescribed to implement the playing of voice tape pertaining to vessel safety, health and sanitation, onboard passenger and passenger-cargo vessels of 20 to less than 150 Gross Tons (GT) operating in coastal and/or riverine areas:

**I
Objectives**

1. To ensure the preparedness and alertness of passengers in case of maritime emergencies and accidents; and,
2. To maintain and promote health and sanitation onboard.

**II
Coverage**

All passenger and passenger-cargo vessels of 20 to less than 150 GT operating within riverine and coastal areas shall be covered under this Circular.

**III
Contents of the Voice Tape**

The voice tape shall be primarily in local dialect or Pilipino, as applicable, with English version and shall contain the following:

1. General Information:
 - 1.1 Purpose of the voice tape
 - 1.2 The number of crew onboard and name of the Captain
 - 1.3 Number of passengers allowed and covered with insurance
 - 1.4 Destination and Travel time
2. Safety Features and Health/Sanitation:
 - 2.1 Number and location of life jackets
 - 2.2 Number, location and capacity of life rafts, when applicable