

**[ MARINA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 64,  
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**GUIDELINES FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF "COLORUM" WATER  
TRANSPORT VESSELS IN THE COASTWISE TRADE**

The MARINA Board during its 102nd Regular Meeting on 4 December 1991 approved the proposal of Management to conduct a legalization program for colorum water transport vessels in the coastwise trade operating as liner or tramper regardless of size. The following guidelines are hereby promulgated to implement this legalization program:

*SECTION 1. Definition of Terms* — For purposes of this Memorandum Circular, the terms below shall have the following meaning, unless the context indicated otherwise:

- a. A **colorum vessel** is a private water transport operated for public utility purposes without any authority from the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) pursuant to the Public Service Act, as amended, and PD No. 474, and implementing rules and regulations.
- b. A **Certificate of Public Convenience** (CPC) is an authorization issued by the MARINA for the operation of inter-island public water transportation facilities. (Lifted from annotation under Section 12 of the Public Service Act, as amended)
- c. **Legalization** is a liberal act of Government, through the issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience to make the existing colorum operation of domestic water transport vessel operator legal and in order.

*SECTION 2. Coverage* — Those covered by this Memorandum Circular are vessel owners/operators who fall under any of the following classification/criteria:

- a. All unauthorized operators as of 1986 who have rendered open, public, continuous and uninterrupted water transport service in specific area/route/link, regardless of whether there are existing authorized operators.
- b. All unauthorized operators as of 1988 who have rendered open, public, continuous, and uninterrupted water transport service in specific area/route/link where there are no existing authorized operators.
- c. All unauthorized operators as of 1990 who have rendered open, public, continuous, and uninterrupted water transport service in specific area/route/link where there are no existing authorized operators.

*SECTION 3. Period of Legalization* — All those covered under *Section 2* above shall apply with the MARINA for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) within six (6) months from the issuance of this Circular. After this period, all those who fail to apply and secure the required CPC/PA/SP, as the case may be, shall be