

**[MIA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 198,
February 23, 2004]**

**RULES ON UPDATING THE PHILIPPINE DOMESTIC SHIP
REGISTRY**

Pursuant to Sec. 2(c) of P.D. 474, 14(d) of E.O. No. 125, as amended, and the Public Service Act, as amended, the following rules are hereby adopted:

I. OBJECTIVE

To generate a more accurate and realistic profile of the country's domestic operating fleet for the purpose of formulating promotional and developmental programs for the industry, as well as foster more effective monitoring of all Philippine-registered domestic ships.

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 vessels; and
2. Non-motorized bancas, sailboats and other waterborne contrivance of less than (3) gross tons capacity.

III. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

A. Domestic Ship Registry Receipt

1. All ships covered under Sec. II hereof shall apply with the Mari time Industry Authority (MARINA) for the issuance of a Domestic Ship Registry Receipt (DSRR), on or before 30 June 2004. Upon compliance with the prescribed requirements and fees to be paid, the DSRR shall be issued, in a format to be adopted by the MARINA.