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**GUIDANCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MARINA  
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR (MC) NO. 159, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE NATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT CODE**

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that all domestic shipping companies and their ships commencing operations after the effectivity of M.C. No. 159, which are covered therein, are given a period of twelve (12) months from date of accreditation under M.C. No. 79/79-A or registration under Philippine flag, to have the required Document of Compliance (DOC) and Safety Management Certificate (SMC).

However, the concerned companies are not precluded from submitting their Safety Management System (SMS) Manuals or securing DOC for company and SMC for ship with this Authority ahead of required deadline.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

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