

**[MARINA FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
ADVISORY NO. 28, October 21, 2002]**

**SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PASSENGER AND/OR CARGO
LINER SHIPS DURING HOLIDAY SEASON**

Pursuant to the Public Service Act (Commonwealth Act No. 146, as amended), Presidential Decree No. 474, Executive Order 125/125-A, Memorandum Circulars Nos. 121 and 161, and to ensure safe, convenient, and uninterrupted public service during the Holiday Season, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated:

I. COVERAGE

This Flag State Administration Advisory shall cover all Philippine-registered domestic liner ships carrying passengers and/or cargoes.

II. DEFINITION

Holiday Season — refers to the following Regular Holidays and such nationwide Special Days as may be declared pursuant to Book 1, Chapter 7 of the Revised Administrative Code of 1987 unless modified by law, order or proclamation, to wit:

A. Regular Holidays

1. New year's Day	—	January 01
2. Maundy Thursday	—	Movable dates (within the months of March or April)
3. Good Friday	—	Movable dates (within the months of March or April)
4. Labor Day	—	May 1
5. Independence Day	—	June 12
6. National Heroes Day	—	Last Sunday of August
7. Bonifacio Day	—	November 30
8. Christmas Day	—	December 25
9. Rizal Day	—	December 30

B. Nationwide Special Days

1. All Saints Day	—	November 1
2. Last Day of the Year	—	December 31

III. INSTANCES COVERED

Special authority to operate during Holiday Season covered by this Advisory includes changes/adjustments/amendments of schedule or route/automatic substitution, under any of the following circumstances:

- a. fortuitous event;