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**GUIDELINES ON ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMIT FOR THE
TEMPORARY UTILIZATION OF FOREIGN REGISTERED VESSELS
IN THE DOMESTIC TRADE**

In order to accelerate the development and expansion of the domestic fleet/Philippine-registered vessels and provide for stable employment opportunities; and for national security, the following guidelines are hereby adopted and shall govern the issuance of Special Permits for the temporary utilization of foreign registered vessels in the domestic trade pursuant to Section 12 (d) of PD 474 and the Memorandum of Agreement between the MARINA and the PCG dated 29 March 1977:

**1
Coverage**

These guidelines shall apply to temporary utilization of foreign registered vessels in the domestic trade.

No foreign registered vessel shall be operated in the domestic trade without first securing a Special Permit from MARINA.

**2
Duration of Special Permit**

No Special Permit shall be granted for a period of more than thirty (30) days in any single issuance subject to renewal.

**3
Renewal/Extension of Special Permit**

A Special Permit issued shall be extended/renewed, as may be warranted, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days for every extension/renewal.

**4
Instances Covering the Issuance of Special Permits**

4.1 A Special Permit may be issued in any of the following cases:

4.1.1 Specialized cargo vessel to transport specialized or dangerous cargo when no suitable service can be provided by the Philippine-registered domestic and overseas fleets.

4.1.2 General cargo vessels when no suitable tonnage is available.