



**HUKBONG DAGAT NG PILIPINAS  
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(HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD)**

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**HPCG/CG-7**

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NUMBER.....08-79**

**TO : All Concerned**

**SUBJECT : SAFETY BRIEFING FOR PASSENGERS**

**I. AUTHORITY:**

Republic act 5173, otherwise known as the Coast Guard Law, relative to the promotion of safety of life at sea.

**II. PURPOSE:**

To prescribe the requirements, the responsibilities and/or duties of all concerned in briefing passengers on the wearing of lifejackets, emergency procedures and other shipboard safety measures and in the dissemination of other useful information

**III. SCOPE:**

This Memorandum Circular applies to all Philippine registered passenger/ferry vessels (Vessels falling under Group I as prescribed by the PMMRR) leaving any Philippine port

**IV. GENERAL:**

The officers and crew of passengers/ferry vessels shall brief their passengers on the proper way to wear the lifejacket, emergency procedures and other shipboard safety measures immediately after a vessels departure from the port and disseminate such other useful information as maybe necessary or appropriate anytime during the vessel's voyage. The briefing shall conform with or be patterned after the nest briefing text appended to this Memorandum Circular as Annex "A" and shall either be announced through a public address system or played from a tape recording. It shall be translated into the languages/dialects understood by every passenger. The briefing so conducted shall be entered in the ship's logbook for verification by the Philippine Coast Guard.

## **V. RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES:**

### **a. Shipowner/Operators shall:**

1. Cause the installation of an adequate public address system and/or tape record playback equipment in their passenger/ferry vessels.
2. Provide and post on conspicuous areas of the ship an adequate number of pictures showing a person donning lifejacket with the steps/procedures printed in proper sequence.
3. Provide and post on conspicuous areas of the ship and adequate number of markings showing the exits routes to passenger's aboardship stations.
4. Provide and post on conspicuous areas of the ship an adequate numbers of markers indicating the emergency signal's aboardship.
5. Require ship's officers and crew to wear the prescribed uniform/attire in order to facilitate their identification by passengers.

### **b. Vessel's Master Shall:**

1. Conduct or aloft the conduct on the briefing as prescribed in paragraph 4 of this Memorandum Circular.
2. Assign crew to all passengers' accommodation spaces/cabins who will demonstrate that to the passengers the proper way to wear the lifejackets and other safety measures as the briefing is being amended.
3. Announce or cause the announcement from time to time of any useful information as maybe or appropriate.
4. Enter or cause the entry in the ship's logbook of the briefing conducted.

### **c. Demonstration Crew shall:**

1. Position themselves such that they will be conspicuously seen by all passengers in the space/cabin assigned to them.
2. Demonstrate proper way to wear the lifejackets and their safety measures as the briefing is being done.

## **VI. ENFORCEMENT:**

Coast Guard District/Station Commanders shall enforce these regulations and in so doing, shall send inspectors aboard vessels maybe necessary.

## **VII. PENALTY:**

Violation of these regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 7 Republic Act 5173

**VIII. EFFECTIVITY:**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect upon approval.

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