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ADVISORY NO. 9-A

Series of 2026

**FOR : CONCERNED LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPOWNERS
AND FILIPINO OVERSEAS SEAFARERS**

**SUBJECT : MANDATORY VERIFICATION, REPORTING, AND CONTINGENCY
MEASURES FOR FILIPINO SEAFARERS AFFECTED BY OR AT
RISK OF SHORTAGES OF SHIPBOARD PROVISIONS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND GULF REGIONS**

DATE : 23 March 2026

In reference to DMW Advisory No. 9, Series of 2026, and in light of reports on shortages and or imminent depletion of essential shipboard provisions including but not limited to food, potable water, fuel, and other critical supplies affecting vessels with Filipino seafarers onboard arising from the escalation of tensions and war risk conditions in the Middle East region, including the Persian Gulf and other adjacent maritime areas, and their consequent impact on maritime operations, all Licensed Manning Agencies (LMAs), in coordination with their respective shipowners and principals, are hereby directed to immediately undertake a comprehensive verification of the status, adequacy, and sustainability of essential shipboard provisions of all vessels with deployed Filipino seafarers, regardless of area of operation.

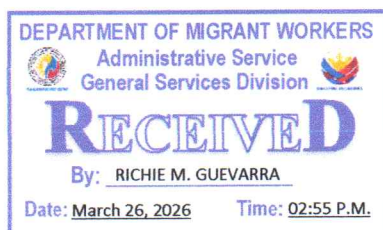
For this purpose, LMAs and shipowners shall ensure that their designated ship chandlers and/ or local port agents are properly instructed and obligated to verify, facilitate, and confirm that all essential shipboard needs of Filipino seafarers are adequately attended to and continuously supplied.

All concerned parties are further required to report the results of such verification, including any identified deficiencies, risks, and corresponding actions taken or corrective measures implemented or initiated to address the same, using the prescribed reporting matrix attached in Annex A with the corresponding guidelines in the accomplishment of the reporting matrix on shipboard provisions and vessel status.

All submissions shall be made on or before 25 March 2026 via email at sbhighrisk@dmw.gov.ph.

Thereafter, all succeeding updates and similar reports shall likewise be submitted through the same email address for monitoring and tracking purposes.

For your information and guidance.



HANS LEO J. CACDAC
Secretary

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By: DMW General Services Division on March 26, 2026



ANNEX A

GUIDELINES IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE REPORTING MATRIX ON SHIPBOARD PROVISIONS AND VESSEL STATUS

All Licensed Manning Agencies (LMAs) are hereby guided to ensure the proper and accurate accomplishment of the prescribed reporting matrix. Each row in the matrix shall correspond to one vessel and must contain complete, current, and verified information, in coordination with the concerned shipowner, principal, and vessel master. No field shall be left blank; in instances where information is not immediately available, the notation "For verification" may be indicated, provided that updates are subsequently submitted. All entries shall follow consistent units of measurement, particularly in terms of days, percentages, and headcount.

- The basic vessel information shall include the full name of the LMA, the registered vessel name, and the correct seven-digit IMO number. The current location of the vessel shall, as far as practicable, be indicated using latitude and longitude coordinates; otherwise, the nearest port or general sea area may be specified. The next intended port of call shall likewise be declared. The number of Filipino crew members onboard and the total number of crew, regardless of nationality, shall be accurately reflected.
- With respect to shipboard provisions, all LMAs shall report on the status of essential supplies, including food, potable water, fuel, medical supplies, and other essential consumables. For each category, the condition shall be classified as "Sufficient," "Adequate," or "Critical," based on actual onboard inventory, consumption rate, and operational requirements, with brief remarks provided where necessary to clarify the condition of supplies.

For uniformity in reporting, the following standard definitions shall be observed. For food and potable water, a supply level exceeding Thirty Days (30) days shall be considered "Sufficient," indicating that normal operations may be sustained without immediate concern. A remaining supply of Fifteen (15) to Thirty (30) days shall be considered "Adequate," indicating the need for close monitoring and advance planning for replenishment. A remaining supply of less than Fifteen (15) days shall be considered "Critical," requiring immediate action to prevent risk to the health and welfare of the crew.

- In terms of fuel or bunker levels, a remaining capacity of more than fifty percent (50%) shall be classified as "Sufficient," while levels between twenty percent (20%) and fifty percent (50%) shall be considered "Adequate," necessitating close monitoring and scheduling of refueling operations. Fuel levels below twenty percent (20%) shall be deemed "Critical" and shall require urgent replenishment to ensure the safe and continuous operation of the vessel.
- For medical supplies and other essential consumables, the classification shall be based on availability and criticality of items. Supplies that are complete and within required operational levels shall be considered "Sufficient." Minor shortages that do not immediately affect safety or health shall be classified as "Adequate." However, the absence or insufficiency of essential, life-saving, or mission critical items shall be classified as "Critical" and shall necessitate immediate corrective measures.

- LMAs shall likewise indicate the estimated number of days remaining for both food and potable water based on actual onboard consumption rates, and not merely on rough estimates. The fuel status shall be expressed in percentage terms.
- The column on "Immediate Assistance Needed" shall clearly state whether support is required, and if so, shall specify the exact nature of assistance needed, such as urgent resupply of provisions, fuel replenishment, medical assistance, or other necessary interventions.
- The "Action Taken by Company" shall reflect concrete and verifiable measures already undertaken by the LMA, shipowner, or principal, including coordination with port agents or ship chandlers, arrangements for replenishment at the next port, implementation of conservation measures, or escalation of concerns to relevant authorities.

All entries in the reporting matrix shall be clear, specific, and measurable. General or vague descriptions such as "normal" or "okay" shall not be accepted. The accomplished matrix shall serve as a critical basis for monitoring, assessment, and possible intervention by the Department of Migrant Workers, and as such, utmost diligence and accuracy in reporting are hereby enjoined.

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