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RA 10635 EMPOWERS MARINA AS THE SINGLE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ON STCW

President Benigno S. Aquino III recently signed Republic Act No. 10635, “An Act Establishing the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the Single Maritime Administration and Enforcement of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers, as amended, and international agreements and covenants related thereto”.

Under this new law, referred to also as the Manalo Law in honor of its principal sponsor, the MARINA assumes “all powers and functions of the PRC, CHED, TESDA, DOH and NTC, relative to the issuance, validation, verification, correction, revocation or cancellation of certificates of competency, endorsement or cancellation of certificates of competency, endorsement, proficiency and documentary evidence required of all seafarers and all such other matters pertaining to the implementation of the oversight in the implementation of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended.”

MARINA Administrator Maximo Q. Mejia Jr stressed that the structural changes pursuant to RA 10635 significantly minimizes the loss time and efficiency in the implementation of the said Convention. It also establish firm control over all processes and eliminating layers of bureaucracy—thereby, eliminating layers of delay, and reducing the time that our seafarers spend travelling between different agencies and standing in queues.

This development in the Philippine maritime industry is a step towards a stronger maritime nation that moves the world. MARINA is empowered to ensure that the certificates issued to Filipino seafarers are accepted by the maritime administrations and industry stakeholders around the world at its face value, a certificate backed by a credible, responsible, and high quality monitoring system.

“It is by the strong executive-legislative partnership that manifested itself in the swift passage of the law that will serve as the cornerstone of the much-needed transformation of this vital industry and its boundless potential for the economic upliftment of the average Filipino” remarked DOTC Secretary Joseph Emilio Aguinaldo Abaya.

MARINA is set to create a Technical Working Group (TWG) with the concerned government agencies and other stakeholders for the drafting of RA 10635 Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR). This will help ensure that the process for the issuance of certificates of competency and proficiency and other documents under the STCW Convention shall be efficient and convenient for seafarers.



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The Maritime Industry Authority joins the rest of the maritime sector in thanking President Aquino and DOTC Secretary Abaya and our legislators – led by principal ANGKLA Rep. Jesulito Manalo and Senate President Franklin Drilon – for their continued support to the maritime industry, particularly in this historic occasion on the enactment of Republic Act 10635.



MARINA, MARITIME PHILIPPINES, we move the world

The Maritime Industry Authority is an attached agency of the Department of Transportation and Communications tasked to accelerate the integrated development of the maritime industry in the country. It has been implementing reforms and programs to transform the country's domestic shipping industry to global competitiveness and the MARINA into a premiere maritime administration in Southeast Asia. For more information, visit marina.gov.ph.