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COURT DENIES PRAYER FOR TRO ON RA 10635, MARINA ALL SET FOR THE IRR

Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 46 denied **the application for issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order on sections 4 (c) and 4 (c.1) of the Republic Act No. 10635.**

Docketed under Civil Case No. 14-131961 the Petition filed by Nelson G. Ramirez of United Filipino Seafarers (UFS) seeks for declaratory relief with prayer for the issuance of a temporary restraining order and/or writ of preliminary injunction, against the MARINA Administrator, Maximo Q Mejia Jr, PhD and DBM Secretary Florencio C. Abad. The ORDER denying the petition was issued on July 01, 2014 by the Regional Trial Court Branch 46.

In its Order dated 01 July 2014, the Court rules that it “finds no sufficient basis to grant the Temporary Restraining Order as the initial evidence presented shows no existence of an urgent necessity for the issuance of a TRO in order to prevent damage”. It further states that “the essence of extreme urgency has already been obliterated by the fact that there is no specific date or event sought to be enjoined or restrained but a general allegation of a presumed or would be action of the respondents.”

MARINA Administrator Maximo Q Mejia Jr welcomes the court’s decision and looks forward to the full execution of the RA 10635’s Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). **“The law is a step towards a stronger maritime nation that moves the world. Groups or individuals with dubious agenda should not be allowed to hinder the development and reforms of the Philippine seafaring industry.”** He reiterated that the signing Republic Act No. 10635 **is a clear manifestation of the Aquino Administration commitment to ensure that the Filipinos will continue to man the world’s fleet.**

MARINA completed the draft of **Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 10635** and submitted the same to the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) on 23 June 2014. The draft took seven (7) meetings of the Multilateral Technical Working Group (MTWG) on various dates and a Public Consultation which was held last June 05, 2014 at PPA-GAD Center, Port Area, Bonifacio Drive, Manila.

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