



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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**TO : All Shipowners/Operators, Shipping Companies, Manning Agents, Seafarers and All Concerned**

**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR SEAFARERS ONBOARD SHIPS OPERATING IN PHILIPPINE WATERS AMID CHALLENGES CAUSED BY COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

In view of the issuance of Republic Act 11469 entitled, "An Act Declaring the Existence of a National Emergency Arising from the CORONA Virus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) Situation and a National Policy in Connection therewith and Authorizing the President of the Republic of the Philippines for a Limited Period and Subject to Restrictions, to Exercise Powers Necessary and Proper to Carry Out the Declared National Policy and For Other Purposes", the following guidelines for seafarers serving onboard ships operating in Philippine Waters are hereby implemented:

1. Seafarers' Record Book (SRB) or Seafarers' Identification and Record Book (SIRB) and certificates of seafarers for domestic vessels expiring between 13 March 2020 to 31 May 2020 shall be automatically extended for six (6) months reckon from the date of expiration. It shall be deemed valid without filing for an extension of validity.

Concerned ship owners/ship operators/crewing agents are hereby advised to undertake the following:

- a) Provide copy of this Advisory to all their ships and coordinate with the Master of the vessel;
- b) Certify the names and positions of the seafarers whose certificates have been extended specifying the name of the vessel and the shipowner for proper documentation and avoid being questioned by PCG or other port authorities; and,
- c) Submit an electronic report to MARINA duly signed by the authorized company representative or the Master of the vessel. The report must attached a copy of the certification of extension issued by the shipowners/operators, crewing agents or Master to their crewmember/seafarer following the format in Annex 1, immediately, when a certain document requires extension to MARINA at email address [mds@marina.gov.ph](mailto:mds@marina.gov.ph).

2. Filing of applications for the following will resume upon lifting of Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Return to Work order is issued:
  - Seafarer's Identity Document (SID)
  - Seafarer's Record Book (SRB)
  - Seafarer's Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP)
  - Domestic Certificate of Competency (DCOC)
  - Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) and IDs
  - Seafarers Identification Booklet (SIB)
  - Harbor Pilots License
  - Applications for New or Renewal of Accreditation for training programs for use in the domestic trade.
3. Seafarers with CONFIRMED SID/SRB appointments from 13 March 2020 to 31 May 2020 shall be re-scheduled and accommodated upon issuance of Return to Work order. A new schedule shall be posted in the MARINA website and official social media platforms once available. They will also be duly notified via e-mail and SMS with the contact details provided in the online appointment system.
4. Conduct of examinations for CMP is temporarily suspended until the lifting of community quarantine. A new schedule shall be posted in the MARINA website and official social media platforms once the Return for Work order is issued.

All other Advisories inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed accordingly.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

  
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