



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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### **MARINA Advisory 2020- 23**

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**TO : ALL MANNING / CREWING / SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIPOWNERS AND OPERATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, SEAFARERS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : FURTHER EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS CURRENTLY SERVING ONBOARD SEAGOING SHIPS AMID CHALLENGES CAUSED BY COVID 19**

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In view of the increasing number of cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID -19), and with the issuance of Republic Act 11469 entitled “*An Act Declaring the Existence of a National Emergency Arising from the Coronavirus 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*”, **Items I.1 and I.4 of MARINA Advisory 2020-16** are hereby amended to state that:

***“I.1 The validity of STCW certificates issued by MARINA to Filipino seafarers that have expired or about to expire during the period 13 March 2020 to 31 May 2020 shall be extended for six (6) months from the date of expiry of the certificate concerned.*”**

***All concerned manning/crewing/shipping agencies are hereby advised to carry out the following:***

- a. Coordinate with their principals or ship owners to make necessary arrangement with the Flag Administration of their ships for the extension of validity of the corresponding endorsement attesting recognition of the Filipino seafarers’ STCW certificate;***
- b. Provide the ship owner/operator or principal, ship Master and their seafarers with a copy of this Advisory; and***
- c. Certify the names and positions of seafarers whose certificate have been extended, the names of the ships and shipowners, the IMO number and the flag of the ships, and details of the STCW certificate of the seafarer following the format shown in Annex A. An electronic copy of the certification duly signed by the company’s authorized official/s shall be submitted immediately to MARINA e-mail address at [oed@marina.gov.ph](mailto:oed@marina.gov.ph).***

***1.4 All applications for revalidation of certificates of seafarers who are affected by the suspension of trainings and assessments will still be processed even if the COP and/or COC has or have already expired within the period of 13 March 2020 to 30 June 2020. This is subject to the compliance of complete documentary requirements.”***

For information and guidance of all concerned.



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