



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2020-56

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING/SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED

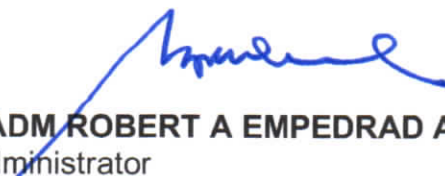
SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES

The COVID-19 pandemic has continuously and severely affecting the crew changes. As a consequence, there are still numerous Filipino seafarers who could not be safely repatriated or disembarked due to travel restrictions being imposed by several countries.

In view of the foregoing and taking a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of the validity of seafarer's certificates as emphasized by IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev.1 dated 02 April 2020, all STCW certificates of Filipino seafarers currently serving onboard ships that are expiring on **01 August 2020** to **31 August 2020** shall be deemed extended for a period of six (6) months from the date of expiry without the need to file for an application at the MARINA.

The concerned shipping companies shall demonstrate their responsibilities as required under Regulation I/14 and Section A-I/14 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. Further, all concerned manning/crewing agencies are hereby directed to submit to MARINA the list of their crewmember/s whose validity of STCW certificate/s have been extended pursuant to this Advisory. An electronic copy of the said information shall be submitted via e-mail at certificate_extension@mail.marina.gov.ph following the attached template.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator

(Company letterhead and logo)

Date: _____

The Executive Director
Office of the Executive Director
STCW Office
Maritime Industry Authority

Dear Sir/Madam:

Hereunder are the names of our crewmember/s whose STCW certificate/s have been extended pursuant to MARINA Advisory _____.

Name of Seafarer	Capacity / Position	Extended Certificate (COP/COE/COE)	Date of Expiry of Certificate	Name of Ship	Name of Shipowner	IMO Number & Flag of ship

For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

(Name & signature of authorized official)