

**STCW Circular 2018 – \_\_\_\_\_**

**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : RULES AND MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN THE ISSUANCE AND REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY (COP) FOR SEAFARERS UNDER THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS V AND VI OF THE STCW CONVENTION, 1978, AS AMENDED**

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Pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention, 1978, as amended), the following rules and requirements are hereby adopted and promulgated:

**Article I  
OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1.** The objective of this Circular is to prescribe the rules and requirements in the issuance and revalidation of COP for seafarers under the relevant provisions of Chapters V and VI of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

**Article II  
COVERAGE**

**SECTION 2.** This Circular shall cover candidates applying for issuance and revalidation of COP under the relevant provisions of Chapters V and VI of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended.

**Article III  
DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**SECTION 3.** For purposes of this Circular and in addition to the terms defined in IRR of RA 10635 and relevant STCW Circulars, the terms below shall be defined as follows:

- 3.1 *Person with immediate responsibility* - means a person being in a decision-making capacity with respect to loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations;

- 3.2 *Polar Code* - means the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters, as defined in SOLAS regulation XIV/1.1;
- 3.3 *Polar water* - means Arctic waters and/or the Antarctic area, as defined in SOLAS regulations XIV/1.2 to XIV/1.4;
- 3.4 *The IGF Code* - means the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels, as defined in SOLAS Regulation II-1/2.29;
- 3.5 *Training Completion and Record of Assessment (TCROA)* – is a prescribed document indicating the names of trainees who have completed the course and demonstrated the relevant competence as certified by the qualified assessor and head of the training institution.

## **Article IV GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 4.** The issuance of COP under Chapter V of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions as follows:

- 4.1. The issuance of **COP in Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations** for Officers and Ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on oil or chemical tankers shall comply with Regulation V/1-1, paragraph 1;
- 4.2. The issuance of **COP in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations** for Masters, Chief Engineer Officers, Chief Mates, Second Engineer Officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on oil tankers shall comply with Regulation V/1-1, paragraph 3.
- 4.3. The issuance of **COP in Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations** for Masters, Chief Engineer Officers, Chief Mates, Second Engineer Officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on chemical tankers shall comply with Regulation V/1-1, paragraph 5;
- 4.4. The issuance of **COP in Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations** for Officers and Ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on liquefied gas tankers shall comply with Regulation V/1-2, paragraph 1;

- 4.5. The issuance of **COP in Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations** for Masters, Chief Engineer Officers, Chief Mates, Second Engineer Officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on liquefied gas tankers shall comply with Regulation V/1-2, paragraph 3;
- 4.6. The issuance of **COP in Basic Training for Service on Ships Subject to the IGF Code** for Seafarers responsible for designated safety duties associated with the care, use or in emergency response to the fuel on board ships subject to the IGF Code shall comply with Regulation V/3, paragraph 4.;
- 4.7. The issuance of **COP in Advanced Training for Service on Ships subject to the IGF Code** for Masters, Engineer Officers and all personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on ships subject to the IGF Code shall comply with Regulation V/3, paragraph 7.;
- 4.8. The issuance of **COP in Basic Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters** for Masters, Chief Mates and Officers in Charge of a Navigational Watch on Ships Operating in Polar Waters shall comply with Regulation V/4, paragraph 1. as required by the Polar Code; and
- 4.9. The issuance of a **COP in Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters** for Masters and Chief Mates on ships operating in polar waters, shall comply with Regulation V/4, paragraph 3., as required by the Polar Code.

**SECTION 5.** The issuance of COP for seafarers under Chapter VI of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions as follows:

- 5.1. *Regulation VI/1* – for COP in Basic Training;
- 5.2. *Regulation VI/2* – for COP in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats and COP in Fast Rescue Boats;
- 5.3. *Regulation VI/3* – for COP in Advanced Fire Fighting;
- 5.4. *Regulation VI/4* – for COP in Medical First Aid and COP in Medical Care;
- 5.5. *Regulation VI/5* – for COP as a Ship Security Officer; and
- 5.6. *Regulation VI/6* – for COP in Security Awareness and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties.

**SECTION 6.** Application for issuance of COP shall be filed by the applicant seafarer.

**SECTION 7.** Revalidation shall be required for the COPs enumerated below:

7.1. Pursuant to Regulation I/11, paragraph 3, the following COPs issued to **Master** and **Officers** shall, for continuing seagoing service *on board tankers*, be subject to revalidation at intervals not exceeding five years:

- 7.1.1. COP in Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations;
- 7.1.2. COP in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations;
- 7.1.3. COP in Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations;
- 7.1.4. COP in Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations; and
- 7.1.5. COP in Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations.

7.2. Pursuant to Regulation I/11, paragraph 4, the following COPs issued to Master, or Officer shall, for continuing seagoing service *on board ships operating in polar waters*, be subject to revalidation at intervals not exceeding five years:

- 7.2.1. COP in Basic Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters; and
- 7.2.2. COP in Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters.

7.3. Master, Officers, Ratings and other personnel holding the following COP in accordance with Regulation V/3, paragraph 4 or 7 shall, pursuant to paragraph 12 thereof, at intervals not exceeding five years, undertake appropriate refresher training **or** be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five years:

- 7.3.1. COP in Basic Training for Service on Ships Subject to the IGF Code; and
- 7.3.2. COP in Advanced Training for Service on Ships subject to the IGF Code.

**SECTION 8.** COP in ***Basic Training, Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats, Fast Rescue Boats, and Advanced Fire Fighting*** issued to seafarers in accordance with Regulations VI/1, VI/2, and VI/3 shall also be subject to revalidation in accordance with Sections A- VI/1, A- VI/2 and A- VI/3 of the STCW Code.

**SECTION 9.** Pursuant to **Regulation I/2**, seafarers applying for issuance and revalidation of COP under the relevant provisions of Chapters V and VI of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall provide satisfactory proof:

9.1. of their identity;

9.2. that their age is not less than that prescribed in the regulation relevant to the certificate applied for;

- 9.3. that they meet the standards of medical fitness specified in section A-I/9 of the STCW Code;
- 9.4. of having completed the seagoing service and any related compulsory training required by these regulations for the certificate applied for; and
- 9.5. that they meet the standards of competence prescribed by these regulations for the capacities, functions and levels that are to be identified in the endorsement to the certificate.

## **Article V SPECIFIC PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 10.** Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP under **Chapter V**, Regulations V/1-1, V/1-2, V/3, and V/4 of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, shall comply with the following requirements:

**10.1. Regulation V/1-1, Paragraph 2 – COP in Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations (BTOCTCO)**

- 10.1.1. Valid COP in Basic Training in accordance with the provisions of Section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code; and
- 10.1.2. (a) At least three (3) months of approved seagoing service on oil or chemical tankers and meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-V/1-1, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code, or  
  
(b) An approved Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations and meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-V/1-1, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code.

**10.2. Regulation V/1-1, Paragraph 4 – COP in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations (ATOTCO)**

- 10.2.1. Valid COP in BTOCTCO;
- 10.2.2. (a) At least three (3) months of approved seagoing service on oil tankers, or  
  
(b) At least one month of approved onboard training on oil tankers, in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three (3) loading and three (3) unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in Section B-V/1. If the three-loading and three-unloading criteria cannot be achieved within the one-month onboard training period, then the period of onboard training should be extended until these criteria have been satisfactorily achieved; and

- 10.2.3. have completed approved Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations and meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-V/1-1, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

**10.3. Regulation V/1-1, Paragraph 6 – COP in Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations (ATCTCO)**

- 10.3.1. Valid COP of Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations (BTOCTCO);
- 10.3.2. (a) At least three (3) months of approved seagoing service on chemical tankers, or
- (b) At least one month of approved onboard training on chemical tankers, in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least 3 loading and 3 unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in Section B-V/1. If the three-loading and three-unloading criteria cannot be achieved within the one-month onboard training period, then the period of onboard training should be extended until these criteria have been satisfactorily achieved; and
- 10.3.3. have completed approved Advance Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-1, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

**10.4. Regulation V/1-2, Paragraph 2 – COP in Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations (BTLGTCO)**

- 10.4.1. Valid COP for Basic Training in accordance with provisions of Section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code; and
- 10.4.2. (a) At least three (3) months of approved seagoing service on liquefied gas tankers and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 1 of the STCW Code, or
- (b) An approved Basic Training for Liquefied Tanker Cargo Operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2;

**10.5. Regulation V/1-2, Paragraph 4 – COP in Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations (ATLGTCO)**

- 10.5.1. Valid COP in Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations (BTLGTCO);

10.5.2. (a) At least three (3) months of approved seagoing service on liquefied gas tankers, or

(b) At least one (1) month of approved onboard training on liquefied gas tankers, in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least three (3) loading and three (3) unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book taking into account guidance in Section B-V/1. If the three-loading and three-unloading criteria cannot be achieved within the one-month onboard training period, then the period of onboard training should be extended until these criteria have been satisfactorily achieved; and

10.5.3. have completed approved Advance Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/1-2, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

**10.6. Regulation V/3, Paragraphs 5 and 6 – COP in Basic Training for Ships Subject to the IGF Code (BTSSIC)**

10.6.1. Completed the approved Basic Training for Service on Ships Subject to the IGF Code in accordance with their capacity, duties and responsibilities as set out in Table A-V/3-1 and meet the standard of competence as specified in Section A-V/3-1, paragraph 1.1.2 of the STCW Code.

10.6.2. Seafarers who have been qualified and certified according to Regulation V/1-2, paragraphs 2 and 5, or Regulation V/1-2, paragraphs 4 and 5 on liquefied gas tankers, are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in section A-V/3, paragraph 1 for basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

**10.7. Regulation V/3, Paragraph 7 – COP in Advanced Training for Ships Subject to the IGF Code (ATSSIC)**

10.7.1. Valid COP in BTSSIC;

10.7.2. Completed approved ATSSIC in accordance with their capacity, duties and responsibilities as set out in Table A-V/3-2 and meet the standard of competence as specified in Section A-V/3, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code; and

10.7.3. Completed at least one month of approved seagoing service that includes a minimum of three bunkering operations on board ships subject to the IGF Code. Two of the three bunkering operations may be replaced by approved simulator training on bunkering operations as part of the approved training in ATSSIC.

10.7.4. Masters, engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels on ships subject to the IGF Code who have been qualified and certificated according to the standards of competence specified in Section A-V/1-2, paragraph 2 for service on liquefied gas tankers are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in Section A-V/3, paragraph 2 for advanced training for ships subject to the IGF Code, provided they have:

10.7.4.1. met the requirements of paragraph 6 of Regulation V/3; and

10.7.4.2. met the bunkering requirements of paragraph 8.2 of Regulation V/3 **or** have participated in conducting three cargo operations on board the liquefied gas tanker; and

10.7.4.3. have completed sea going service of three months in the previous five years on board:

10.7.4.3.1. ships subject to the IGF Code;

10.7.4.3.2. tankers carrying as cargo, fuels covered by the IGF Code; or

10.7.4.3.3. ships using gases or low flashpoint fuel as fuel.

#### **10.8. Regulation V/4, Paragraph 2 – COP in Basic Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (BTSOPW)**

10.8.1. Completed an approved BTSOPW and meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-V/4, paragraph 1, of the STCW Code.

#### **10.9. Regulation V/4, Paragraph 3 – COP in Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (ATSOPW)**

10.9.1. Valid COP of BTSOPW;

10.9.2. At least 2 months of approved seagoing service in the deck department, at management level or while performing duties at the operational level, within polar waters or other equivalent approved seagoing service; and

10.9.3. Completed approved ATSOPW and meet the standard of competence specified in section A-V/4, paragraph 2 of the STCW Code.

**SECTION 11.** Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP under **Chapter VI** of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, shall comply with the following requirements:

**11.1. Regulation VI/1 – COP in Basic Training (BT)**

11.1.1. Seafarers shall receive Basic Training or instruction in accordance with Section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code and shall meet the appropriate standard of competence specified therein.

**11.2. Regulation VI/2, Paragraph 1 – COP in Survival Craft, Rescue Boats Other Than Fast Rescue Boats (PSCRB)**

11.2.1. Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats shall:

11.2.1.1. be not less than 18 years of age;

11.2.1.2. have completed an approved training course in PSCRB and have approved seagoing service of not less than six (6) months; and

11.2.1.3. meet the standard of competence for certificates of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats, set out in section A-VI/2, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code.

**11.3. Regulation VI/2, Paragraph 2 – COP in Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats (PFRB)**

11.3.1. Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP in Fast Rescue Boats shall:

11.3.1.1. be the holder of a valid COP in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats other than Fast Rescue Boats;

11.3.1.2. have completed an approved training course in PFRB; and

11.3.1.3. meet the standard of competence for COP in Fast Rescue Boats, set out in section A-VI/2, paragraphs 7 to 10 of the STCW Code.

**11.4. Regulation VI/3 – COP in Advance Fire Fighting (AFF)**

11.4.1. Seafarers designated to control fire-fighting operations shall have successfully completed Advanced Training in techniques for Fighting Fire, with particular emphasis on organization, tactics and command, in accordance with the provisions of section A-VI/3, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code and shall meet the standard of competence specified therein.

#### **11.5. Regulation VI/4, Paragraph 1 – COP in Medical First Aid (MEFA)**

11.5.1. Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP in Medical First Aid shall have:

11.5.1.1. attended an approved training course in Medical First Aid; and

11.5.1.2. meet the standard of competence in medical first aid specified in Section A-VI/4, paragraphs 1 to 3 of the STCW Code.

#### **11.6. Regulation VI/4, Paragraph 2 – COP in Medical Care (MECA)**

11.6.1. Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP in Medical Care shall have:

11.6.1.1. attended an approved training course in Medical Care; and

11.6.1.2. meet the standard of competence in Medical Care on board ships specified in section A-VI/4, paragraphs 4 to 6 of the STCW Code.

#### **11.7. Regulation VI/5 – COP as Ship Security Officer (SSO)**

11.7.1. Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP as SSO shall have:

11.7.1.1. have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months *and* completed an approved training course for Ship Security Officer; and

11.7.1.2. meet the standard of competence for COP as SSO set out in Section A-VI/5, paragraphs 1 to 4 of the STCW Code.

#### **11.8. Regulation VI/6 – COP in Security Awareness and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties**

11.8.1. Every seafarer applying for issuance of COP in Security Awareness and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties shall have:

11.8.1.1. completed an approved course for Security Awareness Training and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties; and

11.8.1.2. meet the appropriate standard of competence specified in Section A-VI/6, paragraphs 1 to 4 and in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the STCW Code.

**SECTION 12.** Seafarers applying for **issuance** or **revalidation** of COP under the above-mentioned Regulations of Chapters V and VI of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall present the specific documentary evidences corresponding to the COP being applied for, as provided under **Annex “A”** of this Circular.

**SECTION 13. Other Requirements**

13.1. Applicants for issuance and revalidation of COP shall register in the Seafarer Certification System (SCS) through <https://scs.marina.gov.ph> to secure the Seafarer's Registration Number (SRN) and upload the required document/s supporting the application for issuance or revalidation of COP under this Circular.

13.2. Seagoing service being presented for issuance or revalidation of COP under this Circular shall be evidenced by presenting the original Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) showing the details of embarkation and disembarkation and the corresponding notarized Certificate of Sea Service from the company.

In addition, applicants with domestic seagoing service shall present the corresponding crew list/s duly signed by the Master and stamped by Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

13.3. STCW mandatory training courses which shall form part of the requirements for the issuance of COP under this Circular shall be completed **ONLY** from Maritime Training Institutions offering MARINA-approved courses.

13.4. Only application for COP with the corresponding Training Completion and Record of Assessment (TCROA) submitted to STCW Office, MARINA by Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) concerned shall be accepted for processing.

13.5. All supporting document/s in the application for COP must be valid and subsisting at the time of application.

13.6. Application for COP with incomplete and/or invalid documents shall not be acted upon.

13.7. All candidates for the issuance of COP shall meet the standard of medical fitness prescribed by the Regulation I/9 as evidenced by a valid medical certificate in Pre-Employment Medical Examination (PEME) standard format form from DOH-accredited medical hospital or clinic.

13.8. For COP for Ratings which does not require revalidation issued beyond five (5) years, in order to be accepted as supporting document for issuance of COP for Officers as provided in this Circular, the same should have been acted upon in their capacity for at least twelve (12) months within the last five (5) years prior to their application.

13.9. COPs issued under this Circular can be verified through MARINA STCW Office website (<http://stcw.marina.gov.ph>).

## **Article VI**

### **PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OR REVALIDATION OF COP UNDER CHAPTERS V AND VI**

**SECTION 14.** Candidates applying for issuance or revalidation of COP under Chapter V and Chapter VI of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall:

- 14.1 fill up the Application Form;
- 14.2 present the original document/s in support of the COP being applied for verification;
- 14.3 pay the corresponding fee to the Cashier;
- 14.4 provide information for encoding and undergo photo capturing;
- 14.5 claim the COPs per scheduled release date stated in the claim stub.

## **Article VII**

### **COPs NOT SUBJECT TO REVALIDATION**

**SECTION 15.** The following COPs are not subject to revalidation based on Table B-I/2 of the STCW Code:

- 15.1. COP for Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch;
- 15.2. COP for Ratings Forming Part of an Engine-room Watch;
- 15.3. COP for Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck;
- 15.4. COP for Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine;
- 15.5. COP for Ratings as Electro-Technical Rating;
- 15.6. COP for Ratings on Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations;
- 15.7. COP for Ratings on Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations;
- 15.8. COP for Medical First Aid;

15.9. COP for Medical Care;

15.10. COP for Ship Security Officer;

15.11. COP for Security Awareness and Seafarers with Designated Security Duties.

## **Article IX FEES AND OTHER CHARGES**

**SECTION 16.** Applicants for COPs as herein provided shall pay the corresponding fees and other charges as provided under the relevant and existing MARINA rules and regulations.

## **Article X CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS WITH SEAGOING SERVICE IN POLAR WATERS PRIOR TO 01 JULY 2018**

**SECTION 17.** Until 1 July 2020, seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service in Polar Waters prior to 1 July 2018 shall be able to establish that they meet the requirements of paragraph 2 of Regulation V/4 by:

- 17.1. having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at the operational or management level, for a period of at least three (3) months in total during the preceding five (5) years; **or**
- 17.2. having successfully completed a training course meeting the training guidance established by the Organization for ships operating in polar waters.

**SECTION 18.** Until 1 July 2020, seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service in polar waters prior to 1 July 2018 shall be able to establish that they meet the requirements of paragraph 4 of Regulation V/4 by:

- 18.1. having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at the operational or management level, for a period of at least three (3) months in total during the preceding five (5) years; **or**
- 18.2. having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at management level, for a period of at least three (3) months in total during the preceding five (5) years; **or**

- 18.3. having successfully completed a training course meeting the training guidance established by the Organization for ships operating in polar waters and having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at the management level, for a period of at least two months in total during the preceding five years.

#### **Article XI PENALTY CLAUSE**

Use, submission or presentation of fake, fraudulent or tampered document(s) shall disqualify the applicant and/or person concerned from the issuance of any COP or any STCW Certificate, for a period of three (3) months, without prejudice to any criminal liability under the Revised Penal Code.

#### **Article XII REPEALING CLAUSE**

STCW Circular No. 2014-06 and any existing MARINA and STCW Circulars, rules and regulations which are contrary or inconsistent with this Circular are likewise hereby superseded, repealed or amended accordingly.

#### **Article XIII SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision or part of this Circular is declared by any competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall continue to be valid and effective.

#### **Article XIV EFFECTIVITY**

This STCW Circular shall take effect immediately within fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the University of the Philippines Office of the National Administrative Register (UP ONAR).

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### **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Circular No. 2018- \_\_\_\_\_ was approved by the Administrator on \_\_\_\_\_.

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