

STCW ADVISORY NO. 2016-01

TO : ALL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (MTIs), MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MHEIs), OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : MORATORIUM ON THE ACCREDITATION OF MARITIME TRAINING COURSES/PROGRAMS

Pursuant to Section 4, paragraph [c], sub-paragraph [4] of Republic Act No. 10635, and Rule III, Section 5, paragraph [7] of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) through the STCW Office is mandated, among others, to:

1. ensure that all training programs are structured and delivered in accordance with written programs, methods and media of delivery, procedures and course materials that are compliant with international standards as prescribed under the STCW Convention; and
2. continually develop dynamic policies and procedures for compliance of all public and private MTIs and to have such policies and procedures regularly updated.

In line with these mandates, MARINA STCW Office is in the process of reviewing and updating existing rules for the inspection and accreditation of maritime training courses/programs prescribed under MARINA Circular (MC) No. 2013-01, Series of 2012 to warrant sustained compliance with the requirements of the STCW Convention, as amended.

WHEREFORE, in view of the above premises, there is hereby imposed a moratorium on the accreditation of new maritime training courses/programs. Applications that have already been submitted and under process by the MARINA prior to the issuance of this Advisory shall not be prejudiced.

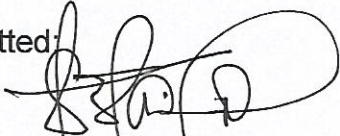
All applications for approval of maritime training courses/programs as well as letters of intent filed or received after the date of effectivity of the herein moratorium shall be duly returned to the proponent MTI. However, such applications may be re-filed once the new rules and requirements for approval of maritime training courses/programs have been duly issued by this Administration.

The moratorium herein provided shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Advisory in a newspaper of general circulation and shall remain in force until withdrawn or lifted by this Administration.

For the guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

29 February 2016, Manila, Philippines.

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2016-01 was approved by the Administrator on 03 March 2016.


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