



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY No. 2016 03

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES, FLAG STATE, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED.

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON MATTERS RELATING TO IMO's MSC.1-CIRC.1560 ON MATTERS WHERE SEAFARER'S DOCUMENTATION WAS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2010 MANILA AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW CONVENTION, RECOMMENDING PORT STATE CONTROL AUTHORITIES TO TAKE A PRAGMATIC AND PRACTICAL APPROACH DURING INSPECTIONS AND TO NOTIFY THE SHIPS, SEAFARERS AND ADMINISTRATIONS CONCERNED ACCORDINGLY.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned on matters where Filipino seafarer's documentation was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention:

1. IMO's MSC.1-Circ.1560 paragraph 5 state that:

"The Committee recognized that some seafarers on board ships may not yet hold their certificates or flag State endorsements meeting the 2010 Manila Amendments to the Convention and urged port State control authorities to take the above factors into consideration when taking action under the control procedures in article X and regulation I/4 of the STCW Convention. The Committee agreed that, in cases where a seafarer's documentation complied with the requirements in force immediately before 1 January 2017, but was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention, port State control authorities, until 1 July 2017, were recommended to take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections and to notify the ships, seafarers and Administrations concerned accordingly".

2. IMO's MSC.1-Circ.1560 paragraph 4 state that:

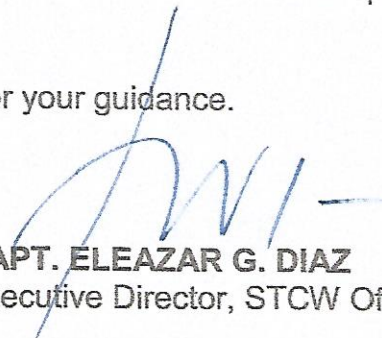
"The Committee, therefore, urged all concerned, including certificate-issuing Parties and Administrations, to do their utmost to ensure that seafarers were issued with the appropriate certificates and necessary endorsements".

3. Considering the large number of Filipino seafarers to be certificated under the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention before January 1, 2017.

Therefore, this Authority hereby declares to all concerned that:

1. This Administration is doing its utmost to ensure that all Filipino seafarers were issued with the appropriate certificates and necessary endorsements before January 1, 2017.
2. In cases where Filipino seafarer's documentation was not in accordance with the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention until 1 July 2017, urges the Port State Authorities to take a pragmatic and practical approach during inspections.
3. Urges further the Port State Authorities to notify the ships, seafarers and this Administration in accordance to Article X and Regulation I/4 of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention.
4. For purposes of verification, the email address of the issuing Administration can be found in the homepage <http://stcw.marina.gov.ph>.

For your guidance.


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