



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

14 August 2020

MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2020-64

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

SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES

The actions taken worldwide and within Philippines, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has severely affected the ship to shore interactions, including the crew changes. For that reason, the maritime industry stakeholders are seeking longer extension of validity of the STCW certificates of their Filipino crew who could not be safely repatriated or disembarked as yet due to travel restrictions imposed by several countries.

In response thereof and consistent with the IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev.1 dated 02 April 2020 which encouraged the issuing Administration and the Port State control authorities to take a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of the validity of seafarer's certificates and endorsement, as strictly necessary, in accordance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, notice is hereby given that all STCW certificates of Filipino seafarers currently serving onboard ships which are expiring during the period **01 September 2020 to 31 October 2020** shall be extended for a period of six (6) months from the date of expiry without the need to file for an application at the MARINA.

All concerned manning/crewing agencies and shipping companies 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.narina.gov.ph following the attached template in Annex A.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator



ANNEX A

(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/COC/COE) | Date of Expiry of Certificate | Name of Ship | Name of Ship owner | IMO Number & Flag of ship |
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For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

(Name & signature of authorized official)