



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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

SUBJECT: SEAFARER-RELATED GUIDELINES IN VIEW OF THE DECLARATION OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN NCR PLUS FROM MARCH 29 TO APRIL 4, 2021

DATE: 28 March 2021

In view of the declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in NCR, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal – designated as “NCR Plus” starting **29 March 2021 to 04 April 2021** under IATF Resolution NO. 106-A and pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, the following guidelines for the conduct of trainings, examination and assessments, and issuance of STCW certificates are hereby implemented:

I. ISSUANCE OF STCW RELATED CERTIFICATES

1. **Only expedite** applications for COC/COP of seafarers will be processed from **29 – 31 March 2021** at the MARINA Central Office.
2. All other seafarers with **confirmed COP/COC-related appointments** from 29-31 March 2021 for the issuance, revalidation or replacement of COP, COC/COE within NCR Plus **shall be rescheduled from 5 April 2021**.

A new schedule shall be posted in the MARINA website (www.marina.gov.ph) and official social media platforms once available.

3. The filing of application for COP/COC is still accepted online via MISMO until 31 March 2021 (Wednesday) at 12:00 midnight.

The **MISMO** will be under **preventive maintenance** starting on 01 April 2021 (Thursday) at 12:01 AM until 05 April 2021 (Monday) at 12:01AM.

II. CONDUCT OF TRAINING, EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT

1. All scheduled **theoretical examination and final evaluation of theoretical examination** applications from **29 – 31 March 2021** at the MARINA Central Office **is hereby temporarily suspended**. All affected seafarers shall be rescheduled to later date without forfeiture of their payment.

The **New Schedule of Theoretical Examination and Final Evaluation** shall be provided by the Examination and Assessment Division (EAD) of the STCW Office to respective examinees through **text message or SMS** and **e-mail**.

Seafarers who will not be able to take the examination or attend the final evaluation on the given date may still request to reschedule their transaction to later available date through SMS or email. **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO REPORT PERSONALLY AT THE MARINA Office to secure new schedule.**

2. The conduct of **ALL practical assessments of Assessment Centers (ACs) within the NCR Plus** shall likewise be **suspended during the period of ECQ**.

Upon the lifting of the ECQ, affected ACs are hereby advised to reschedule all affected seafarers in accordance with their approved Post-ECQ Operation Plan.

3. All **scheduled face-to-face classes** and **practical assessments** of all Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) located in the NCR Plus are hereby **suspended** during the ECQ.

Affected MTIs are advised to reschedule the affected classes/assessments to a later date. Upon lifting of the ECQ, MTIs are directed to implement their Post-ECQ Operation Plan before resuming their operations.

III. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

All stakeholders are enjoined to report to the Surveillance Division, STCW Office email address: stcw.surveillance@marina.gov.ph, those institutions who failed to comply with this Advisory.

Inquiries and concerns of seafarers and concerned maritime institution/s can be lodged via the following email addresses:

contactcenter@marina.gov.ph

stcw_cert@marina.gov.ph

stcwo_ead@marina.gov.ph

The above schedules are subject to change depending on the lifting of the ECQ in NCR Plus and other affected areas.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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