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**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, ASSESSMENT CENTERS, MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, AND OTHER ENTITIES CONCERNED**


**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE FOR MARINE DECK AND ENGINEER OFFICERS UNDER THE OLD SYSTEM**

This has reference to the conduct of practical assessment under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08 to 2014-13 and 2016-17 (Old System). Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. SC-2020-02, all seafarers who took the assessment of competence under the old system shall be allowed to complete and pass such assessment until 31 December 2020 only.

Taking into consideration the delayed crew change and travel restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Administration has amended the aforementioned Circular to further extend the deadline for the seafarers to complete and pass the assessment under the Old System until 30 June 2021 under Memorandum Circular No. 2020-03, Series of 2020. However, MC 2020-03 is still subject for posting and publication and shall only take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

While observing the posting and publication requirement but adopting practical and pragmatic approach in order not to prejudice, hence, ensuring the continuous employment of Filipino seafarers, notice is hereby given that the conduct of the theoretical examination and practical assessment under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08 to 2014-13 and 2016-17 (Old System) may still be administered beyond 31 December 2020 under MC No. 2020-02 and until 30 June 2021 as per the newly issued MC 2020-03.

For the guidance of all concerned.

  
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