**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.: SC-2020-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, ASSESSMENT CENTERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. SC-2020-02**

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Pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended and in view of the need to amend Article II of MARINA Memorandum Circular No. SC-2020-02 to further extend the deadline to complete the assessment of competence of seafarers due to travel restrictions and delayed crew change brought about by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the herein amendments are hereby promulgated and adopted:

**Article I**

**OBJECTIVE**

**Section 1.** The objective of this Circular is to amend Article II of Memorandum Circular No. SC-2020-02 which amends the Article IX – Transitory Provisions of the STCW Circulars No. 2018-08 and 2018-09 relative to the revised rules and mandatory minimum requirements in the assessment of competence under the relevant provisions of the following Chapters of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended:

1. Chapter II – Master and Deck Department;
2. Chapter III – Engine Department; and
3. Chapter IIV – GMDSS Radio Operators.

**Article II**

**AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IX – TRANSITORY PROVISIONS OF STCW CIRCULAR NOS. 2018-08 AND 2018-09**

**Section 2.** The provisions under **Section 22, Article IX – Transitory Provisions of the STCW Circular No. 2018-08** are hereby amended to read as follows:

“**Section 22**. xxx

All seafarers who took the assessment of competence under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08, 2014-10, 2014-12 and 2016-17 before 01 December 2019 shall be given last and final extension to complete and pass the theoretical examination and practical assessment until **31 December 2021**.”

**Section 3.** The provisions under **Section 22, Article IX – Transitory Provisions of the STCW Circular No. 2018-09** are hereby amended to read as follows:

“**Section 22**. xxx

All seafarers who took the assessment of competence under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-09, 2014-11, 2014-13 and 2016-13 before 01 December 2019 shall be given last and final extension to complete and pass the theoretical examination and practical assessment until **31 December 2021**.”

**Article III**

**REPEALING CLAUSE**

**Section 4**. MARINA Memorandum Circular No. SC-2020-02 is hereby amended. Other existing MARINA and STCW Circulars, STCW Advisories, rules and regulations which are contrary or inconsistent with this Circular are hereby superseded, repealed or amended accordingly.

**Article IV**

**SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

**Section 5**. If any provision or part of this Circular is declared by any competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall continue to be valid and effective.

**Article V**

**EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**

**Section 6**. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and submission to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

Done in Manila, Philippines on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:**

**VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)**

Administrator

**SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. SC 2020- \_\_\_\_ was approved by the MARINA Board during its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Board Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_.

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Corporate Board Secretary

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