



Memorandum Circular No. SC-2019-01

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

SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS TO STCW CIRCULARS NO. 2018-08 AND 2018-09 ON THE REVISED RULES AND MANDATORY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN THE ASSESSMENT OF COMPETENCE OF SEAFARERS UNDER THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF CHAPTERS II, III AND IV OF THE STCW CONVENTION, 1978, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to Presidential Decree (PD) No. 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention, 1978, as amended), the herein subject amendments to STCW Circulars No. 2018-08 and 2018-09 are hereby adopted and promulgated, thus:

**Article I
OBJECTIVE**

Section 1. The objective of this Circular is to amend Article IX – Transitory Provisions of 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 the following Chapters of STCW Convention, 1978, as amended:

- a. Chapter II – Master and Deck Department;
- b. Chapter III – Engine Department; and
- c. Chapter IV – GMDSS Radio Operators.

**Article II
AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IX – TRANSITORY PROVISIONS
OF STCW CIRCULARS NO. 2018-08 AND 2018-09**

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

“Section 22. Effective **01 December 2019**, the assessment of competence of candidates for certification Chapter II and Chapter IV of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall be in accordance with STCW Circular No. 2018-08.

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 allowed to complete and pass such assessment until **30 June 2020.**”

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

“Section 22. Effective **01 December 2019**, the assessment of competence of candidates for certification under of candidates for certification under Chapter III of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended shall be in accordance with STCW Circular No. 2018-09.

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 allowed to complete and pass such assessment until **30 June 2020.**”

Article III REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 5. Any 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 6. 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

Section 7. This STCW 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 OCT 07 2019


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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Memorandum Circular No. SC-2019-_____ was approved by the
Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Administrator on OCT 07 2019


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