



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

STCW ADVISORY NO. 2017- 15

**TO: ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS,
MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL
AND OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF TRAINING COURSES WHICH ARE NOT
SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER THE
STCW CONVENTION, 1978, AS AMENDED**

Pursuant to P.D 474, Republic Act 10635 and its implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended, all concerned are hereby informed of the following:

1. This Authority, through the STCW Office – Accreditation Division shall only accept applications for approval of maritime courses that are mandatory under the STCW convention, 1978, as amended;
2. The following are training courses which are not specifically required for certification under STCW convention, 1978, as amended:
 - 2.1 Radar Navigation, Radar Plotting and Use of ARPA;
 - 2.2 Radar, ARPA, Bridge Teamwork and Search and Rescue;
 - 2.3 Radar Simulator Course;
 - 2.4 Cargo Handling and Care of Cargo;
 - 2.5 Cargo and Ballast Handling Simulator;
 - 2.6 Dangerous, Hazardous and Harmful Cargoes (HazMat); and
 - 2.7 Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Maritime Sector (PADAMS).
3. Effective **01 October 2017**, applications for approval of the above-mentioned courses shall no longer be accepted and processed;
4. Applications for approval of the above-mentioned courses which were received, evaluated and inspected prior to the issuance of this advisory shall no longer be given approval;

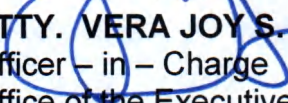


5. Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) with approved non-mandatory for certification courses may continue to offer as MARINA Regulated courses until the expiration of the Certificate of Course Approval; and
6. Maritime Training Institutions (MTIs) may continue to offer the above-mentioned courses as in-house training.

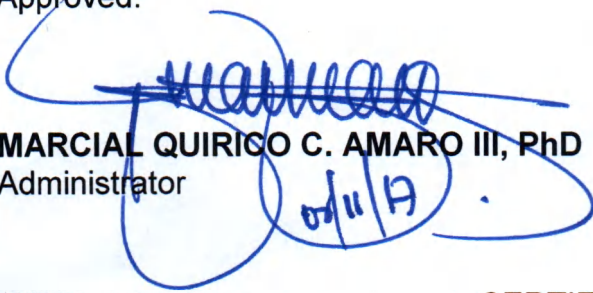
For information and guidance.

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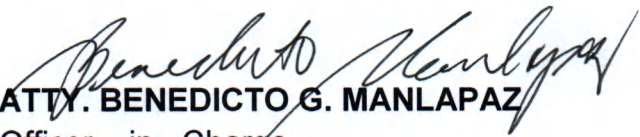

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2017 - 15 was approved by the Administrator on 02 NOVEMBER 2017.


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