



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

**STCW ADVISORY NO. 2017 – 02**

**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS,  
MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS,  
SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER ENTITIES  
AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE HOLDER OF  
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY ISSUED UNDER  
REGULATION II/1 AND II/2 AND ITS CORRESPONDING  
EQUIVALENCY UNDER REGULATION II/3 AND II/2 ON A  
SHIP OF BETWEEN 500 TO 3,000 GROSS TONNAGES OF  
THE 2010 MANILA AMENDMENTS TO THE STCW  
CONVENTION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PD 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the 2010 Manila Amendments to the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, this Authority hereby adopts the following:

1. The 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW Convention prescribed the following requirements:
  - .1 Regulation II/2, mandatory minimum requirements for certification of Masters and Chief Mates on ships of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage.
  - .2 Regulation II/3, mandatory minimum requirements for certification as Masters and Officers-in-Charge of a Navigational Watch on ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near-coastal voyage.
2. The competence prescribed under Table A-II/2 of the STCW Code for Master and Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of 3,000 gross tonnage or more are the same for Master and Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage.
3. The competence prescribed under Table A-II/2 for Master and Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of 3,000 gross tonnage or more meet the prescribed competence for Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Table A-II/3 of the STCW Code.



4. The competence prescribed under Table A-II/1 for Officer-in-Charge of a Navigational Watch on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more will meet the required competence for Master prescribed under Table A-II/3 of the STCW Code provided that the candidate have undergone the required documentary evidence.
5. The competence prescribed under Table A-II/1 for Officer-in-Charge of a Navigational Watch on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more meet the required competence for Officer-in-Charge of a Navigational Watch on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage prescribed under Table A-II/3 of the STCW Code.

Therefore, this Authority hereby puts into effect the following:

1. Holder of Certificate of Competency (COC) for Master on a seagoing ships of 3,000 gross tonnage or more issued under the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention are qualified for the issuance of COC for the following level of competence:
  - .1 Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of 3,000 gross tonnage or more under Regulation II/2.
  - .2 Master and Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage under Regulation II/2.
  - .3 Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3.
  - .4 Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage not engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3.
2. Holder of COC for Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of 3,000 gross tonnage or more issued under the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention are qualified for the issuance of COC for the following level of competence:
  - .1 Master on a seagoing ship of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage provided that not less than 12 months of seagoing service has been served as Chief Mate under Regulation II/2.
  - .2 Chief Mate on a seagoing ship of between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage under Regulation II/2.
  - .3 Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3.
  - .4 Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage not engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3.

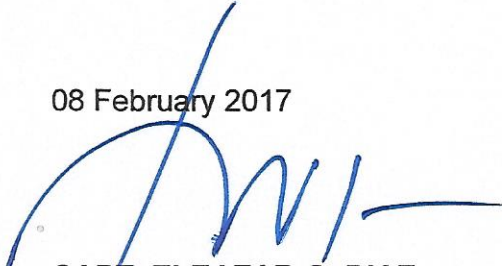
3. Holder of COC for Officer-in-Charge of Navigational Watch on a seagoing ship of 500 gross tonnage or more issued under the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention are qualified for the issuance of COC for the following level of competence:
  - .1 Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3, provided that not less than 12 months of seagoing service has been served as Officer-in-Charge of Navigational Watch and the necessary documentary evidence under paragraph 7 of this Advisory have been fulfilled.
  - .2 Officer-in-Charge of Navigational Watch for ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage.
4. Holder of COC issued by Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) are still valid, recognized and may seek equivalency under this Advisory.
5. COC issued under STCW '95 and expired COC shall be revalidated before issuance of equivalent certificate will be made. The revalidation of COC under this paragraph shall be covered by existing MARINA policies, rules and regulation on revalidation of certificates.
6. All COCs issued under this Advisory shall be valid for 5 years.
7. Candidates applying for equivalency on such level of competence shall provide the following:
  - .1 Certificate of Competency (COC) based on the present rank
  - .2 Seaman's Identification and Registration Book (SIRB) indicating seagoing service
  - .3 Valid Medical Certificate
  - .4 Updating training for OIC-NW to Master engaged in near coastal voyage
    - or
    - Full MLC-Deck issued on April 2014 and above
    - or
    - MLC issued before April 2014 with updating MLC for applicants of paragraph 3.1 of this Advisory
8. For purposes of verification, the contact and email address of the issuing Administration can be found on the homepage <http://stcw.marina.gov.ph>.



This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

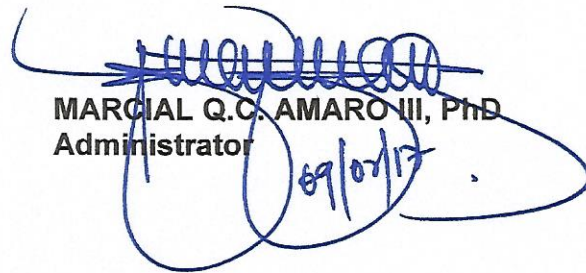
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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2017- 02 was approved by the Administrator on 09 Feb. 2017.



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