



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

STCW ADVISORY NO. 2017 – 07

TO : ALL SEAFARERS, FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATIONS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, ASSESSMENT CENTERS, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE OF MARINE PROFESSION (CMP) ISSUED UNDER MARINA CIRCULAR NO. 2012-03 AND THE CORRESPONDING EQUIVALENCY UNDER REGULATION II/3 AND III/3 OF THE STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978, AS AMENDED.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PD 474, Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention) this Authority hereby adopts the following:

1. Article IX of the STCW Convention, 1978 on Equivalents states that:

“The Convention shall not prevent an Administration from retaining or adopting other educational and training arrangements, including those involving sea-going service and shipboard organization especially adapted to technical developments and to special types of ships and trades, provided that the level of sea-going service, knowledge and efficiency as regards navigational and technical handling of ship and cargo ensures a degree of safety at sea and has a preventive effect as regards pollution at least equivalent to the requirements of the Convention”.

2. Paragraph 7 of Regulation II/3 of the STCW Convention on Exemptions which state that:

“The Administration, if it considers that a ship’s size and the conditions of its voyage are such as to render the application of the full requirements of this regulation and section A-II/3 of the STCW Code unreasonable or impracticable, may to that extent exempt the master and the officer in charge of a navigational watch on such a ship or



class of ships from some of the requirements, bearing in mind the safety of all ships which may be operating in the same waters”.

3. Regulation II/3, of the STCW Convention prescribes 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.
4. Regulation III/3, of the STCW Convention prescribes mandatory minimum requirements for certification as Chief Engineer and Second Engineer Officers on ships powered by main propulsion machinery of between 750 kW and 3000 kW propulsion power.
5. Bearing in mind the Responsibilities of Companies under Regulation I/14 of the STCW Convention in which this Administration requires each seafarer assigned to any of its ships holds an appropriate certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and as established by the Administration.
6. That the knowledge and experience gained during seagoing service of those seafarers boarding vessel of less than 500 gross tonnage allows for navigational and technical handling of ship and cargo that ensures a degree of safety at sea is considered by this Administration equivalent to education and training required under Regulation II/3 of the STCW Convention.
7. MARINA Circular No. 2012-03 prescribed the following level of competence:

DECK DEPARTMENT		ENGINE DEPARTMENT	
License	GRT	License	kW
Major Patron (MAP)	Below 500	Marine Diesel Mech. 2	Below 750
Minor Patron (MIP)	Below 250	Marine Diesel Mech. 1	Below 500
Boat Captain 3 (BC3)	Below 100	Motorman	Below 250
Boat Captain 2 (BC2)	Below 35		
Boat Captain 1 (BC1)	Below 15		

8. MARINA Circular No. 2012-03 requires training and assessment of competence before issuance of Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) will be made.

Therefore, this Authority hereby puts into effect the following:

1. Holder of CMP or Certificate issued by Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) for the following level of competence is qualified for the issuance of Certificate of Competency (COC) for Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3 provided that the following seagoing service has been served in that capacity:
 - .1 Major Patron with 12 months seagoing service
 - .2 Minor Patron with 24 months seagoing service
2. Holder of CMP for the following level of competence is qualified for the issuance of COC for Officer-in-Charge of Navigational Watch on a seagoing ship of less

than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3 provided that the following seagoing service has been served in that capacity:

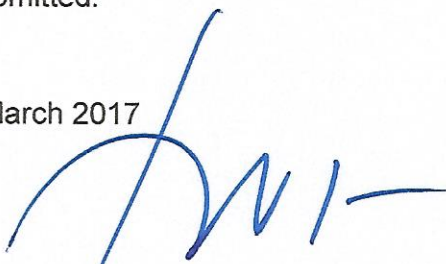
- .1 Boat Captain 3 (BC3) with 36 months seagoing service
 - .2 Boat Captain 2 (BC2) with 48 months seagoing service
 - .3 Boat Captain 1 (BC1) with 60 months seagoing service
3. Holder of COC for Officer-in-Charge of Navigational Watch on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage who wants to qualify for the issuance of COC for Master on a seagoing ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation II/3 shall meet the following:
 - .1 Twelve (12) months seagoing service in a capacity as Officer-in-Charge of Navigational Watch; and
 - .2 Passed the oral examination and practical assessment.
4. Holder of CMP for the following level of competence is qualified for the issuance of COC for Chief Engineer Officer on a seagoing ship of less than 750 kW engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation III/3 provided that the following seagoing service has been served in that capacity:
 - .1 Marine Diesel Mechanic 2 with 12 months seagoing service
 - .2 Marine Diesel Mechanic 1 with 24 months seagoing service
5. Holder of CMP for Motorman is qualified for the issuance of COC for Officer-in-Charge of Engineering Watch on a seagoing ship of less than 750 kW engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation III/3 provided that thirty six (36) months of seagoing service has been served in that capacity.
6. Holder of COC for Officer-in-Charge of Engineering Watch on a seagoing ship of less than 750 kW engaged on near coastal voyage who wants to qualify for the issuance of COC for Chief Engineer Officer on a seagoing ship of less than 750 kW engaged on near coastal voyage under Regulation III/3 shall meet the following:
 - .1 Twelve (12) months of seagoing service in a capacity as Officer-in-Charge of Engineering Watch; and
 - .2 Passed the oral examination and practical assessment.
7. On-board processing may be allowed by this Administration provided that the following documentary evidence are presented:
 - .1 Crew List or company attestation
 - .2 Certificate of Sea service
 - .3 Certified true copy of Certificate of Marine Profession (CMP) or COC
8. Major Patron or Minor Patron licenses issued by Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) are still valid, recognized and may seek equivalency under this Advisory.

9. Holder of foreign Certificate equivalent to the level of competence prescribed under MARINA Circular No. 2012-03 may be considered by this Administration provided that a documentary evidence is presented.
10. Expired CMP shall be revalidated before issuance of equivalent certificate shall be made. The revalidation of CMP under this paragraph shall be covered by existing MARINA policies, rules and regulation on revalidation of certificates.
11. All COC issued under this Advisory shall be valid for 5 years.
12. Candidates applying for equivalency on such level of competence shall provide the following:
 - .1 Certificate of Marine Profession or Certificate issued by Professional Regulation Commission (Major or Minor Patron) based on the present rank;
 - .2 Seaman's Identification and Registration Book (SIRB) indicating seagoing service
or
Seafarers Identification Booklet
or
Certificate of Seagoing service from the company; and
 - .3 Valid Medical Certificate
13. 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.

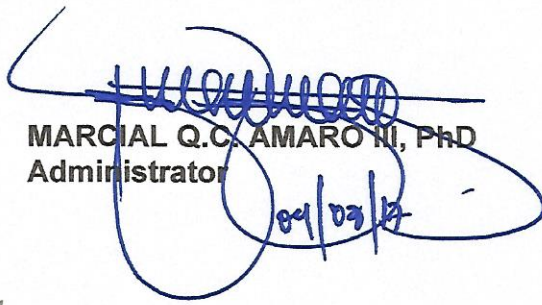
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2017- 07 was
approved by the Administrator on 01 March 2017.


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