



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

STCW ADVISORY NO. 2017 - 14

TO : ALL MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS,
ENHANCED SUPPORT LEVEL PROGRAM (ESLP)
PROVIDERS AND OTHER ENTITIES / INSTITUTIONS
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **SUSPENSION / TERMINATION OF THE ENHANCED
SUPPORT LEVEL PROGRAM (ESLP) IN MARITIME
EDUCATION**

In view of the full implementation of the Senior High School - Maritime Program (SHS-MP) under the new basic education structure of the Department of Education (DepEd) which is the K to 12 Program, all concerned are hereby informed of the following:

1. Effective 01 October 2017, the implementation of the Enhanced Support Level Program (ESLP) for Marine Deck and Marine Engineering is hereby suspended/terminated;
2. Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs) offering the ESLP are hereby directed to cease and desist from accepting new or freshman students under the ESLP;
3. Students who are currently enrolled and are already taking-up the ESLP prior to 01 October 2017 shall be allowed to complete the academic requirements of the said program until 31 May 2019 and earn the required seagoing service not later than 31 December 2020 in order to be considered by MARINA for certification as Ratings Forming Part of a Watch under the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, subject to compliance with all other requirements thereof;
4. ESLP providers that are not yet authorized to deliver the Senior High School - Maritime Program (SHS-MP), and intends to offer the same shall comply with the pertinent requirements as stipulated in the Joint DepEd Memorandum and STCW Circular No. 1 series of 2016; and

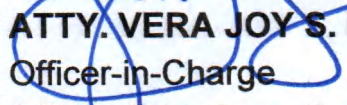


5. Institutions who fail to comply with the foregoing shall be deemed to have committed a Prohibited Act under Section 8.3.8 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10635 without prejudice to possible civil or criminal liability that may arise.

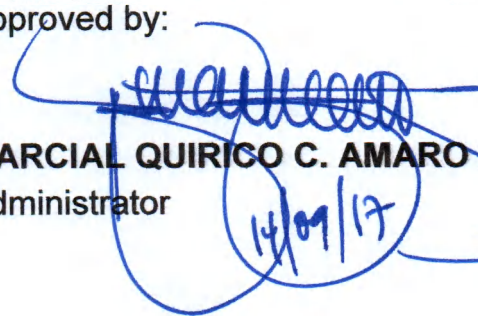
For the guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

25 August 2017, Manila, Philippines.

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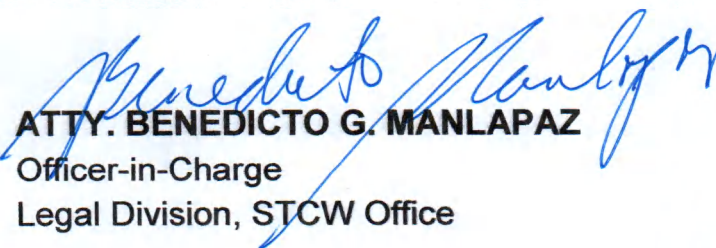

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2017- 14 was approved by the Administrator on 14 SEPTEMBER 2017.


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