



MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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**MARINA ADVISORY
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TO : ALL SEAFARERS, MANNING/SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES

It is recalled that the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) had earlier issued MARINA Advisory No. 2020-44 dated 11 June 2020 which provides that all STCW certificates of Filipino seafarers serving onboard ships that have expired or are expiring between 01 June 2020 to 30 June 2020 are hereby automatically extended for a period of six (6) months from the date of expiry without the need to file for an application at the MARINA.

After the lapse of this period, the (MARINA) has been receiving numerous appeals from the maritime industry stakeholders seeking further extension of STCW certificates of their Filipino crew. They conveyed that their crew could not be safely repatriated or disembarked due to difficulty in the implementation of crew change, brought about by the port and travel restriction imposed due to the corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

In view of the foregoing and taking a pragmatic and practical approach with regard to the extension of the validity of seafarer's certificates as emphasized by the international Maritime Organization (IMO) in its Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev.1 dated 02 April 2020, **all STCW certificates of Filipino seafarers currently serving onboard ships which have expired or are expiring during the period 01 July 2020 to 31 July 2020 shall be extended for a period of six (6) months from the date of expiry without the need to file for an application at the MARINA.**

All concerned manning/crewing agencies and shipping companies are hereby directed to immediately submit to the MARINA the list of their crewmember/s whose validity of STCW certificate/s have been extended pursuant to this Advisory. An electronic copy of the said information shall be submitted via e-mail at certificate_extension@mail.marina.gov.ph following the template attached herein as **Annex "A"**.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.

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Administrator



ANNEX "A"

(Company letterhead and logo)

Date: _____

The Executive Director
Office of the Executive Director
STCW Office
Maritime Industry Authority

Dear Sir/Madam:

Hereunder are the names of our crewmember/s whose STCW certificate/s have been extended pursuant to MARINA Advisory _____.

Name of Seafarer	Capacity / Position	Extended Certificate (COP/COE/COE)	Date of Expiry of Certificate	Name of Ship	Name of Shipowner	IMO Number & Flag of ship

For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

(Name & signature of authorized official)