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To: All IMO Members
Intergovernmental organizations
Non-governmental organizations in consultative status

Subject: **Communication from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has sent the attached communication, dated 19 June 2020, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



19 June 2020

HIS EXCELLENCY KITACK LIM
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**Subject: MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2020-44 RE: ADDENDUM TO MARINA
ADVISORY NO. 2020-23 ON THE EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF
STCW CERTIFICATES**

Dear Excellency:

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Secretary General and the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and expresses its appreciation for continuously ensuring strong coordination between IMO Member States amidst this unprecedented time.

It can be recalled that the MARINA Advisory No. 2020-23 dated 06 April 2020 with the subject "*Further Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates of Filipino Seafarers Currently Serving Onboard Seagoing Ships Amid Challenges Caused by COVID 19*" was conveyed to IMO Member States, Port State Control Authorities, and other parties concerned through IMO Circular Letter No. 4237/Add.1.

Relative thereto and anent to the above-mentioned request, the MARINA is respectfully seeking for your assistance that the MARINA Advisory No.2020-44, with the subject *Addendum to MARINA Advisory No. 2020-23 on the Extension of Validity of STCW Certificates* be likewise brought to the attention of all concerned.

The Philippines takes this opportunity to commend you for your conscious effort to ensure continuous flow of commerce by sea during this pandemic and assure you of its highest cooperation.

With our highest esteem and warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

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TO : ALL MANNING AGENCIES, SHIPPING COMPANIES, OWNERS AND OPERATORS, STAKEHOLDERS, SEAFARERS AND ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **ADDENDUM TO MARINA ADVISORY NO. 2020-23 ON THE EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF STCW CERTIFICATES**

In order to facilitate the deployment and crew change of Filipino seafarers amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the validity of all STCW certificates 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.

Moreover, all concerned manning/crewing agencies and shipping companies are hereby directed to submit to MARINA the list of their seafarers whose validity of the STCW certificates has been extended pursuant to this Advisory. An electronic copy of the said information, together with a cover letter from the agency shall be submitted via e-mail at certificate_extension@mail.marina.gov.ph, following the attached excel sheet template.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately.


VADM ROBERT A EMPEDRAD AFP (Ret)
Administrator