



**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
STCW OFFICE**

STCW Advisory No. 2015-18

TO: ALL SEAFARERS, EXISTING MARITIME ASSESSMENT CENTERS FOR RATINGS, SHIPOWNERS, MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THEORETICAL EXAMINATION AND PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING MARITIME ASSESSMENT CENTERS FOR RATINGS

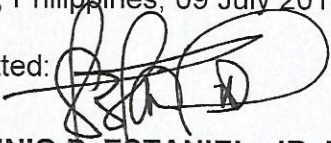
Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW '78) for Seafarers, as amended, and further to STCW Advisory No. 2015-10, the **Provisional Authority granted to all existing Maritime Assessment Centers for Ratings** is hereby extended until 30 October 2015.

Furthermore, in view of the issuance of **STCW Circular No. 2015 – 10** entitled "*Policies, Rules and Regulations on the Accreditation of Assessment Centers (ACs) for the Conduct of Theoretical Examination and Practical Assessment*", all existing Maritime Assessment Centers for Ratings and maritime institutions which have the expertise and capabilities to carry out the duties and responsibilities appurtenant thereto, are hereby enjoined to submit their application with the necessary supporting documents indicating compliance with the basic requirements as stipulated in the aforementioned Circular.

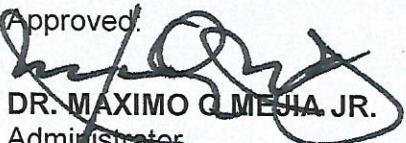
This STCW Advisory shall take effect immediately.

Manila, Philippines, 09 July 2015.

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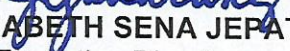
Approved:


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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Advisory No. 2015-18 was approved by the Administrator on

14 July 2015.


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