

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
STCW OFFICE

STCW Circular No. 2016-03

TO: ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL, AND OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF UPDATING COURSES AS THE APPROVED TRAINING COURSE TO ESTABLISH CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AS DEFINED IN REGULATION I/11 OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to Republic Act 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW), as amended, the following rules shall be adopted:

1. OBJECTIVES

- .1 To prescribe the approved training course as a means to establish continued professional competence under Regulation I/11 and AI/11 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended and relevant STCW Circulars on revalidation of Certificates of Competency (COCs).
- .2 To adopt the 'OIC Updating Course Part A' as the Approved Training Course as defined in STCW Circular 2014-08 and 2014-09 as a means to establish continued professional competence in the revalidation of COCs in the Operational Level, as required under Regulation I/11 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended.
- .2 To adopt the Management Level - Updating Course as the Approved Training Course as defined in STCW Circular 2014-10, 2015-11, 2015-12, & 2015-13 as a means to establish continued professional competence in the revalidation of COCs in the Management Level, as required under Regulation I/11 and AI/11 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended.

2. COVERAGE

This Circular covers the 'Approved Training Course' as a means to establish Continued Professional Competence in the Revalidation of Certificates in the Operational and Management Level of Marine Deck and Engineer Officers.

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Circular, in addition to the terms defined under STCW Circular No. 2014-01 and other relevant STCW Circulars, the following terms are defined as follows:

- .1 "Approved Training Course" refers to the training prescribed by the MARINA as to establish continued professional competence as required and enumerated by Section A-1/11 of the STCW Code.
- .2 "Continued Professional Competence" refers to the state of maintaining professional competence as established by any of the modes prescribed by Section A-1/11 of the STCW Code.

4. REVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC)

The following updating courses are hereby adopted as the Approved Training Program to establish continued professional competence in the revalidation of Certificate of Competency (COC), in addition to the requirements prescribed under STCW Circular Nos. 2014-08, 2014-09, 2014-10, 2014-11 and 2014-12, the following shall be adopted:

- .1 The OIC Updating Course Part A, as prescribed under STCW Circular 2015-03, shall be the Approved Training Course, as defined in STCW Circular 2014-08 and 2014-09, as a means to establish Continued Professional Competence, as required under Regulation I/11 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to revalidate the Certificate of Competency
- .2 The Management Level - Updating Course, as prescribed under MARINA Circular 2014-01, shall be the Approved Training Course, as defined in STCW Circular 2014-10, 2015-11, 2015-12, & 2015-13, as a means to establish Continued Professional Competence, as required under Regulation I/11 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to revalidate the Certificate of Competency.

5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE


Should any provision or part of this Circular be declared by any competent authority to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall continue to be valid and effective.

6. EFFECTIVITY

This STCW Circular shall take effect immediately on the day of its publication.

Manila, Philippines, 10 March 2016.

Submitted:



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Approved:



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Circular No. 2016-63 was approved by the Administrator on 11 March 2016.



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