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Circular Letter No.4237/Add.26
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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, received on 10 January 2022, with the request that it be circulated by the Organization.

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY****MARINA ADVISORY**
NO. 2021-76
Series of 2021

**TO : ALL SEAFARERS, LICENSED MANNING AGENCIES (LMA's),
SHIPPING COMPANIES, SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS
MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS AND ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF STCW
CERTIFICATES**

The effects of the COVID-19 virus are still felt worldwide and at the very least continue to severely influence the conduct of trainings, revalidation of certificates and proved to also give some restrictions on ship to shore interactions, including crew changes.

In response thereto, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) endures to adopt IMO Circular Letter No. 4204/Add.5/Rev.1 and continues to adhere in taking a pragmatic and practical approach pertaining to the extension of the validity of the seafarer's certificates, as strictly necessary, in accordance with the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended, to continue the contingency measures to deal with the situation.

In this consideration, the following guidelines on the extension of the validity of the STCW certificates are hereby issued.

1. All STCW certificates which will be expiring **ONBOARD** between the period, 01 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 shall be extended for one (1) year from the date of the expiry of the certificate/s and there is no need to file for an application for extension at the MARINA.
2. For purposes of compliance, the concerned LMAs and shipping companies are hereby directed to submit to MARINA the list of their crewmember/s whose validity of STCW certificates/s have been extended pursuant to this Advisory. An electronic copy of the said information shall be submitted via email at certificate_extension@mail_marina.gov.ph following the attached template in Annex A.

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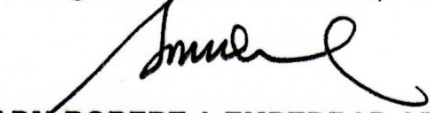


MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

3. Nevertheless, all seafarers are hereby encouraged to apply for the revalidation of their COCs and COPs after completing their trainings, as applicable to their certificates to be revalidated at the earliest opportunity pursuant to the standard requirements for revalidation. In which case, the 5-year validity date shall be reckoned from the original expiration date of the previous certificates.

This Advisory shall take effect immediately and shall be valid until 30 June 2022 unless sooner revoked or repealed.

For the guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.


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(COMPANY LETTERHEAD AND LOGO)

Date : _____

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Office of the Executive Director
STCW Office
Maritime Industry Authority

Dear Sir:

Hereunder are the names of our crewmember/s whose STCW certificate/s have been extended pursuant to MARINA Advisory No. _____.

Name of Seafarer	Capacity/ Position	Extended Certificate (COP/COC)	Date of Expiry of Certificate	Name of Ship	Name of Shipowner	IMO No. & Flag of ship

For your information and reference.

Very truly yours,

(Name & signature of authorized official)
