

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

STCW Circular No. 2014-01

TO : ALL MARITIME INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS, MARITIME HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER ENTITIES CONCERNED

SUBJECT : RULES ON THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF STCW CIRCULARS

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

I. OBJECTIVES:

1. To prescribe standards and procedures in the preparation and approval of STCW Circulars in the Philippines; and
2. To ensure complete, effective and timely compliance with the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended;

II. COVERAGE:

This Circular shall apply to the standards and procedures to be observed in the preparation of all future STCW Circulars in the Philippines.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

For the purpose of this STCW Circular, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. "MARINA" refers to the Maritime Industry Authority, which is the "Maritime Administration" or "Single Maritime Administration", in accordance with Sec. 2 (e) of R.A. 10635, or the "Administration" under STCW;
- b. "Administrator" refers to the Head of MARINA (the Administration);
- c. "STCW Office" refers to the office in MARINA, specifically tasked to give full and complete effect to the requirements of STCW;
- d. "Executive Director" refers to the Head of the STCW Office;
- e. "Deputy Executive Director" refers to the Deputy Head of the STCW Office, who may act on behalf of the Executive Director, upon proper authorization;
- f. "STCW Circular" refers to a directive prepared by the STCW Office, and approved by the Administrator, covering administrative and operational measures