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

STCW Circular No. 2014-03

TO: ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME ASSESSMENT CENTERS, SHIPOWNERS,

MANNING AGENCIES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS

CONCERNED

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE CONDUCT OF WRITTEN AND

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING MARITIME ASSESSMENT

CENTERS (MACs)

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) for Seafarers, as amended, Provisional Authority is hereby granted to all existing MACs pending issuance of the Rules on Accreditation of Maritime Assessment Centers for Ratings.

All MACs with existing accreditation from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall, upon submission of its proof of TESDA accreditation, be issued MARINA Provisional Authority which shall be valid until 31 March 2015 or until such time that full-term authority is secured pursuant to the new Rules on Accreditation of MACs, whichever comes first.

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

Manila, Philippines, September 5, 2014.

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that STCW Circular No. 2014 - 63 was approved by the Administrator on 12 September 2014.

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