

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AS REPRESENTED BY THE MARITIME TRAINING COUNCIL AND...

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1. This agreement is made pursuant to paragraph 1.2 of Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (the STCW Convention) and Section A-I/10 of the STCW Code between the Maritime Training Council representing the Republic of Philippines Administration and the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources representing the Government of Ireland.
2. It is agreed that the Republic of Philippines Administration shall recognize the certificates of competency issued by the Government of Ireland under the STCW Convention as amended in accordance with Regulation 1/10 of the said Convention subject to the terms and condition of this agreement.
3. All communications arising from this agreement shall be made to the persons named below:

Republic of the Philippines:

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Maritime Training Council
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Ireland:

Chief Surveyor
Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources:
Chief Surveyor, Marine Surveyors Office,
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The Maritime Training Council and the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources agree to give prompt notification of any changes in the above particulars.

4. The Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources agrees:

(a) to provide the Republic of the Philippines Administration with details of the arrangements for the training

and certification of seafarers in Ireland as requested;

(b) to notify the Republic of Philippines Administration within thirty days of any significant change in the arrangements for training and certification for seafarers in Ireland;

(c) to make available for inspection its approved training courses, facilities and procedures by the Republic of Philippines Administration;

(d) to respond promptly to requests for verification of the authenticity and validity of the Irish certificates from the Republic of Philippines Administration; and

(e) to provide details of the quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with Regulations I/8 of the STCW Convention, on request.

5. The Republic of Philippines Administration agrees:

(a) to provide the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources with the procedures to be followed in issuing an endorsement attesting the recognition of certificates; including that for the suspension or cancellation of any endorsement of recognition for disciplinary reasons;

(b) to provide the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources with the details of Republic of Philippines legislation as required by officers in accordance with paragraph 2 of Regulation 1/10 of the STCW Convention; and

(c) to promptly advise the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources of the cancellation or suspension of any endorsement attesting the recognition of Irish certificates, or the refusal to issue any endorsement of recognition.

6. This agreement may be terminated by the Republic of Philippines Administration without notice if at any time the Government of Ireland renounces the STCW Convention or fails to implement any amendment thereto.

7. This agreement may be terminated by either party giving not less than six (6) months notice in writing.

8. This agreement shall take effect on the date both Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with. It shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years, and, shall be renewed automatically unless either party gives six (6) months notice before the expiration of this agreement.

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

(Sgd.)PATRICIA A. STO. TOMAS

Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment

Chairperson, Maritime Training Council

Date: APR 25 2003

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND

(Sgd.) S.A. McLOUGHLIN

Deputy Chief Surveyor

Marine Survey Office

Date: 18-03-2003

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