



**Resolution No. 18  
Series of 2000**

**SUBMISSION OF THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF  
THE QUALITY STANDARDS REQUIRED BY STCW  
REGULATION I/8 AND SECTION A-I/7 OF THE STCW  
CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1(2) of Executive Order No. 242 dated 12 May 2000 requires that the quality standards of agencies which are involved in the administration of the certification system, training courses and programs, examinations and assessment, including the qualification of instructor and assessor shall be evaluated in accordance with paragraph 2 of Regulation I/8.

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 2 of Regulation I/8 of the 1978 STCW Convention as amended requires that each Party to the Convention shall ensure that an evaluation of the quality standards is periodically undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Section A-I/8 of the STCW Code by qualified persons who are not themselves involved in the activities concerned;

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 3 of Section A-I/8 of the STCW Code requires that each Party shall ensure that an independent evaluation of the knowledge, understanding, skills and competence acquisition and assessment activities, and of the administration of the certification system is conducted at interval of not more than five years to verify that:

1. All internal management control and monitoring measures and follow-up actions comply with planned arrangements and documented procedures and are effective in ensuring achievement of the defined objectives;
2. The results of each independent evaluation are documented and brought to the attention of those responsible for the area evaluated; and
3. Timely action is taken to correct deficiencies.

WHEREAS, paragraph 4 of Section A-I/7 of the STCW Code requires that each Party shall report to the IMO Secretary General the results of each evaluation carried out pursuant to regulation I/8 within six months of its completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises resolve that:


1. All agencies which are involved in the administration of the certification system, training courses and programs, examinations and assessments of competence including qualification of instructors and assessors shall ensure that all independent evaluation report of the quality standards as required under paragraph 3 of Section A-I/8 are complete by 1 March 2001.
2. Such agencies shall submit said report to the Council which shall contain, as a minimum, the following item:
  - .1 The qualifications and experience of those who conducted the evaluation pursuant to section A-I/8, paragraph 4; (e.g. certificates of competency held, experience as a seafarer and independent evaluator, experience in the field of maritime training and assessment, experience in the administration of certification systems, or any other relevant qualifications/experiences);
  - .2 The terms of reference for the independent evaluation and those of the evaluators;
  - .3 The results of the independent evaluation, including:
    - .1 a brief description of the procedures followed in performing the independent evaluation; and
    - .2 verification that all internal management control and monitoring measures and follow-up actions comply with planned arrangements and documented procedures and are effective in ensuring achievement of defined objectives, including:


- .1 that the education and training objectives and related standards of competence are clearly defined at all appropriate levels of knowledge, understanding and proficiency and cover the administration of the certification system; and
    - .2 these objectives are implemented through policies, systems controls and internal quality reviews;
  - .3 a brief description of:
    - .1 the deficiencies found during the independent evaluation;
    - .2 the corrective measures recommended by the independent evaluation to address the identified deficiencies; and
    - .3 the corrective measures carried or scheduled to be carried out to address the identified deficiencies.
3. The Council shall, upon receipt of all the independent evaluation report of the government instrumentalities concerned, form a panel of qualified persons who shall review the said reports to confirm that the report meet the requirements of paragraph 2 of regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention and the herein guidelines.

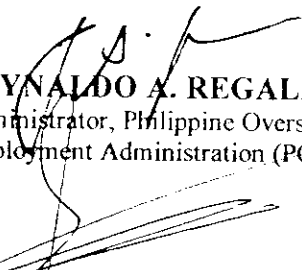
The Chairman shall, after it has been confirmed that the independent evaluation report has met the above criteria, submit the same to the IMO Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 4 of Section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.

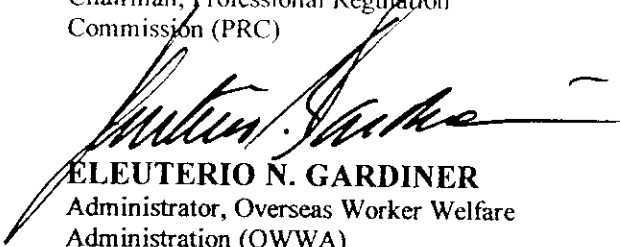
Issued this 21 day of December 2000 in the city of Manila.

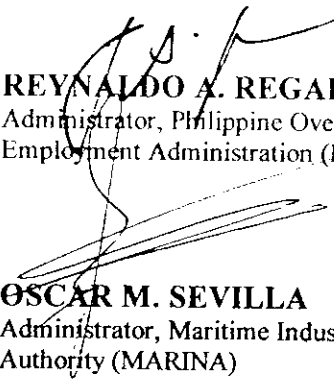
APPROVED:

  
**BIENVENIDO E. LAGUESMA**  
Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment and  
Chairman, Maritime Training Council

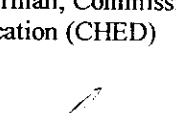
  
**HERMOGENES P. POBRE**  
Chairman, Professional Regulation  
Commission (PRC)

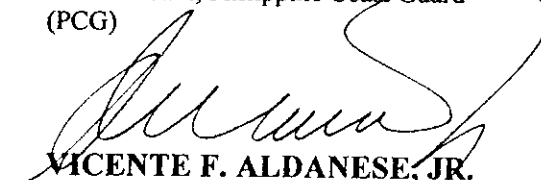
  
**REYNALDO A. REGALADO**  
Administrator, Philippine Overseas  
Employment Administration (POEA)


  
**ELEUTERIO N. GARDINER**  
Administrator, Overseas Worker Welfare  
Administration (OWWA)

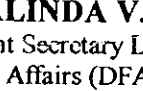
  
**OSCAR M. SEVILLA**  
Administrator, Maritime Industry  
Authority (MARINA)

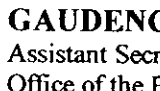
  
**RADM. EUCEO E. FAJARDO**  
Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard  
(PCG)

  
**ESTER A. GARCIA**  
Chairman, Commission on Higher  
Education (CHED)

  
**VICENTE F. ALDANESE, JR.**  
Private Sector Representative  
Filipino Association for Mariners  
Employment (FAME)

  
**GREGORIO S. OCA**  
Private Sector Representative  
Associated Marine Officers and  
Seamen's Union of the Philippines  
(AMOSUP)

  
**ROSALINDA V. TIRONA**  
Assistant Secretary Department of  
Foreign Affairs (DFA)

  
**GAUDENCIO A. MENDOZA, JR.**  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of the President

Attested to:

  
**LORNA O. FAJARDO**  
Executive Director