



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Labor and Employment

Maritime Training Council

Resolution No. 03
S-2002

VALIDITY OF TRAINING CERTIFICATES ON BASIC SAFETY TRAINING HELD BY FILIPINO SEAFARERS WHO HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED ON BOARD SHIPS BEFORE 1 FEBRUARY 2002 BUT WHOSE SERVICE AGREEMENT ENDS AFTER THAT DATE

WHEREAS paragraph 4 of MSC/Circ. 918 dated 04 June 1999 states that seafarers are not required to hold certificate as evidence of basic training in order to comply with Regulation VI/1 because the evidence required by section A- VI/1 is not considered to be a certificate.

WHEREAS notwithstanding the foregoing guidance set by the IMO, the Philippine Government opted to issue national document in basic safety after the seafarers have completed training in accordance with section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code in order to prevent the proliferation of fraudulent documents.

WHEREAS in view of the large number of Filipino seafarers being deployed on seagoing ships every year, a large number has been deployed on board before 1 February 2002 who are holders only of training certificates issued by training centers accredited by the MTC.

WHEREAS paragraph 2.2 of Annex 1 of STCW 7/Circ. 1 dated 24 September 1996 recognizes the practical difficulties associated in the training of seafarers in Basic Safety due to the large number of seafarers involved, thus Administrations are urged to treat each case on its merit;

WHEREAS the Maritime Training Council as the responsible agency in the implementation of the Convention finds it justifiable to allow seafarers to have more time to secure a nationally issued document in basic safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, resolve that:

1. Training certificates in Basic Safety issued to Filipino seafarers by training centers accredited by the Maritime Training Council (MTC) after 30 October 1998 shall be valid as documentary evidence until 30 June 2002.

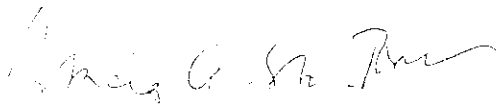
2. Filipino cadets indentured or signed on to undertake one (1) year structured program as part of the BSMT or BSMarE course under the supervision of qualified officers on board are only required to possess training certificates described above.

RESOLVED further that this Resolution shall be communicated to IMO Secretary-General and Flag-States employing Filipino seafarers for information and guidance.

Issued this 24th day of January 2002 in Manila, Philippines.

Approved.

APPROVED:



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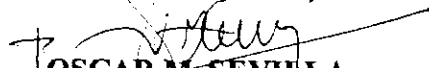
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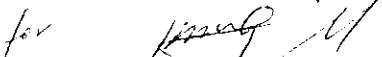
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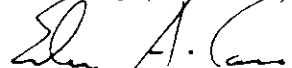
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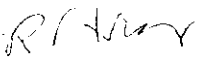
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