

PRESS RELEASE

24 July 2014

MARINA Board Approves IRR of RA 10635

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Board approved today the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act No. 10635 through a Special Board Meeting, held on 24 July 2014 at the MARINA Board Room. The completion of the IRR and its approval is way ahead of the prescribed deadline which the law mandated, i.e. six (6) months after its enactment.

RA 10635 *“An Act Establishing the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the Single Maritime Administration Responsible for the Implementation and Enforcement of International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers, as Amended, and International Agreements and Covenants Related Thereto”* was signed into law on **March 13, 2014 by His Excellency, Benigno Simeon Aquino III.**

“The IRR completes MARINA’s mandate to consolidate all STCW functions under one roof, thereby giving the Agency the unprecedented opportunity to rationalize government mechanisms for compliance with its obligations under the Convention and to develop and implement more efficient processes that will benefit our seafaring compatriots. We are grateful to Secretary Joseph Emilio Aguinaldo Abaya and the DOTC legal team for their expeditious endorsement of the IRR” expressed MARINA Administrator Dr. Maximo Q Mejia, Jr.

Under this new law, also referred to as the Manalo Law in honor of its principal sponsor, the MARINA assumes “all powers and functions of the PRC, CHED, TESDA, DOH and NTC, relative to the issuance, validation, verification, correction, revocation or cancellation of certificates of competency, endorsement or cancellation of certificates of competency, endorsement, proficiency and documentary evidence required of all seafarers and all such other matters pertaining to the implementation of the oversight in the implementation of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended.”

The MARINA Board is chaired by the DOTC Secretary, and the members are: the Office of the President (OP); the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA); the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) with two (2) Observers from the private sector.

Mejia is proud to acknowledge the members of the **Multilateral Technical Working Group (MTWG)** created pursuant to MARINA Special Order No. 514-14, Series of 2014, for their invaluable contribution, expertise and leadership that led to the prompt completion of the IRR. He likewise thanked the cooperation and extensive support of DOTC, CHED, PRC, NTC, TESDA, DOH, ANGKLA Partylist, U.P. Law Center, and maritime industry stakeholders.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY



Date: APR 29 2014

SPECIAL ORDER

No. 514 - 14

Series of 2014

CREATION OF A MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (MTWG) TO FORMULATE AND DRAFT THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATION (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10635

In the exigency and best interest of the service, and pursuant to RA 10635 - *An act Establishing the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) as the Single Maritime Administration Responsible for the Implementation and Enforcement of the 1978 International Convention on Standards, Trainings, Certifications and Watchkeeping, as Amended and International Agreements or Covenants Related Thereto*, a Multilateral Technical Working Group (MTWG) is hereby created:

A. Executive Committee (ExeCom)

Chairperson : Administrator, MARINA
Members : Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
Chairperson, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)
Secretary, Department of Health (DOH)
Commissioner, National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
Director-General, Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA)

The Executive Committee shall act as the Advisory body of the MTWG in the drafting of the IRR of RA 10635. The Committee shall provide the overall policy direction in the formulation of the IRR and resolve all issues and concerns of the MTWG during the drafting of the IRR. It shall submit the final draft of the IRR for the consideration and approval of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

B. Multilateral Technical Working Group (MTWG)

Chairperson: Executive Director, STCWO, MARINA
Co-Chairperson: Deputy Exec. Director, STCWO, MARINA
Members: DOTC Representative
CHED Representative
PRC Representative
TESDA Representative
NTC Representative
DOH Representative
Atty. Virgilio B. Calag, LS, MARINA
Engr. Ramon C. Hernandez, OADM, MARINA
Mr. Neil Bryan C. Salvosa, STCWO, MARINA
One (1) ANGKLA PartyList Representative
One (1) UP Law Center Representative
One (1) Manning Agency Representative
One (1) Academe Representative
One (1) Marine Deck Representative
One (1) Marine Engine Representative
One (1) Ratings Representative

Secretariat Ms. Josephine O. Castillo, STCWO, MARINA
Ms. Katrina Marie F. Gravador, STCWO, MARINA
Mr. Dieremi L. Guerrero, STCWO, MARINA
Ms. Rubina S. Badoy, PPS, MARINA
Ms. Ellerie A. Torrente, OADM, MARINA

The MTWG shall formulate and draft the IRR. It shall submit unresolved issues and concerns for the consideration and approval of the Executive Committee.

The Secretariat shall provide administrative and support services in all meetings to be called by the ExeCom or the MTWG. It shall coordinate all schedules of the meetings of the ExeCom or the MTWG. It shall act as the custodian of all records of all meetings.

Selection of Private Sector Representatives to the MTWG

1. The nominee must comply with the following criteria:

I. Seafarer Marine Deck Officer

- Must be a Marine Deck Officer with Sea Service of at least 12 months in the last five (5) years in that capacity.

2. **Seafarer Marine Engine Officer**
- *Must be a Marine Engine Officer with Sea Service of at least 12 months in the last five (5) years in that capacity.*
 3. **Seafarer Rating**
- *Must be a seafarer rating in the deck or engine department with Sea Service of at least 12 months in the last five (5) years in that capacity.*
 4. **Employer / Manning Agency**
- *Must have continuous employment in the last five (5) years in the Manning Sector.*
 5. **Academe**
- *Must be currently teaching STCW-based subjects in BSMT or BSMARE Program in one of the top 10 Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs) recognized by CHED*
2. Applicants/nominees must be available for the MTWG Meetings on May to June 2014.
 3. Applications/nominations using the corresponding form must be submitted in person or through email address attyjabeth@gmail.com on or before 09 May 2014 at 1200H.
 4. All qualified nominees shall be raffled off to represent their respective group on 09 May 2014 immediately upon closing of application/nomination at the MARINA Board Room.
 5. Names of selected MTWG members shall be published at the MARINA website.

This Order takes effect immediately.



Maximo Q. Mejia Jr., Ph.D.
Administrator

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to inform you that the following individuals representing their respective groups were selected on 09 May 2014 at the STCW Office of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) to be members of the Multilateral Technical Working Group tasked to formulate and craft the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10635 Establishing the MARINA as the Single Maritime Administration Responsible for the Implementation and Enforcement of the 1978 International Convention on Standards, Trainings, Certifications and Watchkeeping, as Amended and International Agreements or Covenants Related Thereto:

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| 1. Captain Victor S. Del Prado | - | Manning Agency Representative |
| 2. Captain Michael H. Sarthou, Jr | - | Academe Representative |
| 3. Mr. Mario S. Ondrade | - | Marine Deck Officers' Representative |
| 4. Chief Engr. Pablo G. Bautista | - | Marine Engine Officers' Representative |
| 5. Mr. Abdon V. Soriano | - | Seafarer Ratings' Representative |

