

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 242, May 12, 2000]

**HARMONIZING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON
THE STANDARD OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND
WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Government to demonstrate that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention, as amended, in order that the Philippines shall be identified as a complying Party;

WHEREAS, the non-identification of the Philippines among the Parties that have given the Convention, as amended, full and complete effect will adversely affect the continued employment of Filipino seafarers on ocean-going vessels;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to clearly designate the agency that shall have responsibility for the administration of the Convention, as amended, in the light of the various laws, rules and regulations promulgated to give full and complete effect to the STCW Convention, as amended;

WHEREAS, it is essential to restate and clarify the authority of the Maritime Training Council over different government instrumentalities involved in the implementation of the 1995 amendments to the Convention and all matters pertaining thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Agency Responsible for the Implementation of the 1978 STCW Convention, as Amended. Pursuant to Section 1 of the Letter of Instructions No. 1404, the Maritime Training Council (MTC) shall be responsible in giving full and complete effect to the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended. As such, the Council shall:

1. ensure that all legal and administrative measures taken and provided by the concerned government agencies and instrumentalities are appropriate and compliant to the Convention, as amended;
2. ensure that the evaluation of the quality standards of the government instrumentalities involved in the administration of the certification system, training courses and programs, examination and assessment carried out by or under the authority of that government instrumentality concerned, including the qualification of Instructors and Assessors are conducted in accordance with paragraph 2 of Regulation 1/8 of the Convention as amended;