

[MTC RESOLUTION NO. 2, S. 2011, June 02, 2011]

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05, SERIES OF 2009, ENTITLED
“APPROVING THE TABLE OF EQUIVALENCY FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANAGEMENT LEVEL COURSES AND
AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF MTC RESOLUTION NO. 08,
SERIES OF 2007”**

WHEREAS, the European Union (EU) directive 2008/106/EC requires that seafarers holding certificates issued by certificate issuing countries serving on board the seagoing ship flying the flag of EU Member States shall have a level of competence equivalent to that required by the STCW Convention.

WHEREAS, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) is empowered to assist the European Union to verify compliance by certificate issuing countries with bilateral arrangement on the recognition of certificates with EU Member States under regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention.

WHEREAS, the Philippines has bilateral arrangement with at least twelve (12) EU Member States on recognition of certificates under Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention.

WHEREAS, in a follow-up inspection visit to the Philippines in April 2010 to verify actions taken on the deficiencies found in the 2006 inspection, one area cited with a “serious deficiency” is the implementation of the Management Level Courses which stated that:

“The management level courses were required to be completed partially. Candidates for either deck or engineering management level certificates were required to complete one function out of three and four functions that comprise the course for deck officers and the course for engineering officers, respectively. The remaining functions were waived for those candidates having served at least 24 months as officers at the operational level. This procedure was based on an approved MTC Resolution. The equivalence of seagoing service and training appears not to be consistent with the requirements established in Regulation II/2 and III/2 of the STCW Convention.”

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 05, series of 2009, entitled “Approving the Table of Equivalency for Implementation to the Management Level Courses and Amendment of Section 2 of MTC Resolution No. 08, series of 2007”, exempts marine officers who are candidates for certification to the management level responsibilities from completing the approved education and training specified under Regulations II/2 and