

**[BOARD OF MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS PRC
RESOLUTION NO. 12, S. OF 2000, April 10, 2000]**

**ADMINISTRATION OF PRACTICAL EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT
OF THE COMPETENCE OF MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PART A OF THE STCW
CODE**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8544 known as the "Philippine Merchant Marine Officers Act of 1998" requires compliance with the provisions of the Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers 1978, as amended in 1995, to which the Philippines is a signatory.

WHEREAS, Part A of the STCW Code provides for the standards of competence required to be demonstrated by candidates for the issuance and revalidation of certificates of competency of marine officers particularly the ability to undertake tasks, duties and responsibilities of marine engineer officers of the operational level listed in Table A-III/1 and of the management level listed in Table A-III/2 of the STCW Code.

WHEREAS, in the Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 8544 known as the "Philippine Merchant Marine Officers Act of 1998", adopted by the Board of Marine Engineer Officers and approved by the Commission, it is provided that ". . . not later than the January, 2001 Marine Engineer Officers licensure examinations, the Board shall conduct the Practical/Oral examinations for the assessment of the skills/competence of marine engineer officers. As such, an examinee shall pass the appropriate written technical examination in order to qualify him to take the practical/oral examination." (2nd Paragraph, Section 16, Article V of Board Resolution No. 48, Series of 1999)

WHEREAS, the Board, in its meeting on 21 January 2000 expressed their agreement to use simulators in the conduct of the practical examination/assessment of marine engineer officers at the operational and management levels to adopt and provide adequate safeguards to protect the integrity of the practical examination/assessment.

WHEREFORE, the Board resolved as it hereby resolves to give the practical examination/assessment as provided in Part A of the STCW Code to assess the competence of every candidate for certification as marine engineer officers at the operational and management levels in accordance with the following rules and guidelines:

1. *Officers required to take the practical examination/assessment* — All marine engineer officers of the operational and management levels shall be required to take the practical examination/assessment on subjects where such examination/assessment with the use of simulators is appropriate.