

**[ BOARD OF MARINE DECK OFFICERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 17, S. OF 2000, May 10, 2000 ]**

**ADMINISTRATION OF PRACTICAL EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT  
OF THE COMPETENCE OF MARINE DECK 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 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and 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 deck officers of the operational level listed in Table A-II/1 and of the management level listed in Table A-II/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 Deck Officers and approved by the Commission, it is provided that ". . . not later than the January, 2001 Marine Deck Officers licensure examinations, the Board shall conduct the Practical/Oral examinations for the assessment of the skills/competence of marine deck 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. 21, Series of 1999).

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 deck 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 deck 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 various shipboard equipment, nautical publications and simulators is appropriate.

- 1.1 Officers qualified to take the practical examination/assessment — Only officers who passed the written technical examination of both the operational and management levels, i.e., who obtained general average rating of at least seventy (70%) percent in all the subjects of the written technical examination with no grade lower than sixty