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SUBJECT: REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE APPROVED SEAGOING SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARINE TRANSPORTATION (BSMT) AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MARINE ENGINEERING (BSMarE) PROGRAMS

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers of 1978, as amended, by virtue of Commission *en banc* Resolution No. 653-2017 dated August 29, 2017, and in aid of promoting quality maritime education programs in compliance with the 1978 STCW Convention and Code, as amended, this set of revised implementing guidelines on the seagoing service requirement for BSMT and BSMarE programs are hereby adopted and promulgated by the Commission, thus:

**ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTION**

Section 1. Rationale and Background

In 2012, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) issued CMO 02 series of 2012 otherwise known as the "Implementing Guidelines on the Shipboard Training Requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSMarE) Programs" to ensure compliance with the provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code, as amended.

In 2013, the Commission issued CMOs 31 and 32 series of 2013 – superseding CMOs 13 and 14 series 2013 – which necessitated the amendment of CMO 02 series of 2012 to address the implementation and monitoring of seagoing service requirements. The revision of CMO 02 series of 2012 was further motivated by the need to achieve the following:

- a. Approved and documented workshop skills and seagoing service;
- b. Restructuring of the role and responsibilities of Maritime Higher Education Institutions (MHEIs) and its Shipboard Training Officers (STOs);
- c. Additional requirement on the Training Record Book;
- d. Inclusion of the rights of students onboard as per standard shipboard training agreements; and
- e. Inclusion of a daily journal of watchkeeping duties for the deck and engine students as a requirement pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 10635.

In June 2016, the Commission *en banc*, cognizant of the need to improve the processes in Shipboard Training, created an Ad Hoc Committee for Shipboard Training for Maritime Education to spearhead the necessary revisions. The

