MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 07
Series of 1997

TO : ALL SHIPPING / MANNING AGENCIES

SUBJECT : Recruitment of Seafarers with Training Certificates
Issued by the Accredited Training Centers

DATE : April 14, 1997

Pursuant to the Minimum Requirements and Qualification Standards for Entry and
Promotion to Grade of Filipino Seafarers, as amended, and in conformity with IMO
Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978
Convention, as amended in 1995 and Maritime Training Council Rules and Regulations
governing the establishment of training centers and accreditation of IMO related and MTC
approved training programs, the following rules shall be adopted:

1. Licensed agencies, duly authorized / accredited shipping / manning agencies can
recruit only seafarers with training certificates issued by maritime training centers
duly accredited by the Maritime Training Council.

2. Only training certificates issued by such accredited maritime training centers shall
be accepted for purposes of registration of seafarers and documentation for
overseas shipboard employment.

3. Shipping / manning agencies or applicant seafarers who submit fraudulent / fake /
tampered training certificates and / or training certificates issued by any Maritime
Training Center without authorization and accreditation from the Maritime Training
Council to conduct such course/s for registration and documentation purposes shall
be governed by the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 32, Series of 1996 on
Submission of Fake or Tampered Documents for Seafarers Registration.
4. Shipping / manning agencies shall not require their applicant seafarers to undergo again the same courses already taken from any accredited Maritime Training Council in any training center of their choice in order to avoid duplication and additional cost to the seafarers.

This memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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