

## Q & A Report

	Question	Answer
1	<p>To VADM Robert Empedrad:            Sir, it is reported that a few governments are discouraging ships manned by Filipino seafarers to call into their ports due to many being infected with the virus thus having a possibility of spreading the virus to local residents. The Philippines being one of the largest seafarer export nation needs to look at this matter. What measures are being taken by the MARINA to address this matter?</p>	<p>Answer from VADM Robert Empedrad:            First of all, the case of Filipino Seafarers acquiring COVID-19 are isolated case and we are investigating how did they get the virus. Nonetheless, the government of the Philippines established a One Stop Shop platform that will strengthen the intervention of government in crew change being undertaken in the PHIL. THE ONE STOP SHOP is established in various ports and international terminals where the Conduct of RT PCR, Quarantine and processes of crew change are done to restrict the movement of the seafarers. a molecular lab and quarantine facility are established in one place. all seafarers shall pass through the One Stop Shop to ensure they are free of Covid-19.</p>
2	<p>During this pandemic the cost for seafarer expatriate are getting higher due to local government requirements such as special insurance, quarantine, etc which bear by ship owner. Do we have any solution to reduce such cost so we can assist better on the seafarer expatriation?</p>	<p>Answered live.            (Please refer to the webinar recording)</p>
3	<p>For MARINA:            Please confirm again with regard to all STCW Basic Safety Survival certificates and all proficiency certificates can be renewed online?</p>	<p>Answered live.            (Please refer to the webinar recording)</p>
4	<p>For Mr. Qiang Shi:            If the medical certificates are extended for how long? What steps or process do</p>	<p>Answered live.            (Please refer to the webinar recording)</p>

	you observe to ensure that the seafarer is indeed still fit for work at sea?	
5	What can individual seafarers who find themselves stuck onboard do? I am in contact with some crew who have been onboard for over 17 months, and who are increasingly desperate to go home. What options exist for them, practically, to ensure they are relieved?	Answered live. (Please refer to the webinar recording)
6	How can IMO SCAT be contacted, please?	Seafarers and their relatives can contact the SCAT by sending an email to <a href="mailto:info@imo.org">info@imo.org</a> .
7	For seafarers having STCW certificates issued by other states than their own flag state, such as MCA UK. Is the approach the same as we have heard today? Do all flag states take the same approach in extending/renewing/issuing any statutory certificates? It would be easy for every party to have a uniform standard set by IMO.	Answered live. (Please refer to the webinar recording)