DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 181-A
Series of 2018

EXTENSION ON THE GRANT OF DISPENSATION RELATIVE TO THE
PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SECURITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
AMENDMENTS IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS 2.5 AND 4.2 AND
APPENDICES OF THE MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006 (MLC, 2006)

Pursuant to the authority of the Secretary of Labor and Employment to promulgate the
necessary rules and regulations under Article 5 of the Labor Code of the Philippines, as
amended, Department Order No. 181, Series of 2017, and in compliance with the
amendments implementing Regulations 2.5 and 4.2 and appendices of MLC, 2006, the
following guidelines on the grant of extension is hereby issued:

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), as the competent Authority in
the implementation of MLC, 2006, hereby extends its grant of dispensation to all Philippine
Registered Ships (PRS) engaged in international voyage holding a valid Maritime Labour
Certificate pertaining to compliance with the aforementioned amendments until such time
that the Procedural Guidelines by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
(POEA) has been issued and become effective or before March 31, 2018.

Accordingly, all Port State Control Officers are requested to take cognizance of this
issuance.

This is without prejudice to the shipowners’ compliance with respect to financial
security for repatriation and shipowners’ liability pursuant to the aforementioned
amendments implementing Regulations 2.5 and 4.2 and appendices of MLC, 2006.

This Department Order takes effect immediately.

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