

Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-255

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) - Authorized Recognized Organizations.

Reference: Resolution JD-Nº 019-2005 of November 24th, 2005.
Resolution No. 106-25-DGMM of May 4th, 2012.

1. PURPOSE:

1.1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform our users that the Directorate General of Merchant Marine has decided to delegate to the Recognized Organizations the issuance of the Maritime Labour Certificate, the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II and the provisional certificate, in accordance to Rule 5.1.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention. Through Resolution No. 106-25-DGMM of May 4th, 2012, this Directorate General of Merchant Marine has invited all RO's to apply for the authorization to issue the above-mentioned certificates.

2. The Recognized Organizations authorized to issue the Maritime Labour Certificate and the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II are the following:

1. AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING.
2. BUREAU VERITAS.
3. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY.
4. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY.
5. DNV.
6. DROMON BUREAU OF SHIPPING LIMITED.
7. EMIRATES CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY (TASNEEF) L.L.C.
8. NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTER. INC.
9. NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI.



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10. LLOYD'S REGISTER GROUP LIMITED.
11. INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
12. INTERMARITIME CERTIFICATION SERVICES, S.A.
13. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME REGISTER (PANAMÁ) INC.
14. INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING (PANAMA), INC.
15. ISTHMUS BUREAU OF SHIPPING.
16. PANAMA MARITIME DOCUMENTATION SERVICES, INC.
17. OVERSEAS MARINE CERTIFICATION SERVICES, INC.
18. PANAMA CLASSIFICATION BUREAU, INC.
19. PANAMA SHIPPING REGISTRAR, INC.
20. POLSKI REJESTR STATKÓW S.A
21. INTERNATIONAL NAVAL SURVEY BUREAU, S.A.
22. PHOENIX REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A.
23. RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
24. RINA SERVICES S.p.A.
25. RS CLASSIFICATION SERVICES SINGLE-MEMBER PRIVATE COMPANY.
26. MACOSNAR CORPORATION.
27. NEW UNITED (INT'L) MARINE SERVICES LIMITED.
28. KOREAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
29. QUALITAS REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A.
30. CROATIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING.
31. TÜRK LOYDU.

3. The surveyor of the ROs duly authorized by this Administration (listed above), must be qualified on the application of the MLC, 2006.
4. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine shall regulate all matters related the issuance and validity of the Maritime Labour Certificate (interim and full) through the Circular MMC 269.
5. All the Maritime Labour Certificate and the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II must comply with the Appendix A-5II of the MLC, 2006.
6. The Classification Societies and the Recognized Organizations that are authorized after the publication of this Circular shall be included in the current list.

June, 2021 - Paragraph 3 was amended.



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May, 2021 – Paragraph 3 was amended; inclusion of paragraph 5 and email address were updated.

February, 2021 – DNV GL change of name to DNV

January 2021 – Inclusion of Panama Classification Bureau Inc., paragraph 3 was replaced and revision through the text.

March 2020 – Suspension of Panama Classification Bureau Inc.

February 2020 – Paragraph 2.8 has been deleted and renumbered from there onwards.

October 2019- New Company included, International Maritime Register (Panama).

January 2019- New Company included.

October 2018- New Company included.

October 2018- New Company included.

October 2018- New Company included and modified the Paragraph 5.

July 2017 – Change DNV GL AS to DNV GL.

March 2017 - New Company included.

March 2017- Change of Bureau Veritas, S.A. to Bureau Veritas; DNV GL CLASS to DNV GL AS; Isthmus Bureau OF Shipping, S.A. to Isthmus Bureau of Shipping; Russian Maritime Register of Shipping to Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, S.A.; Qualitas Register of Shipping to Qualitas Register of Shipping, S.A.

March 2017- Suspension Panama Marine Survey and Certification Services, Inc. (PMSCS)

March 2017- Cancellation of Panama Register Corporation (PRC).

January 2017 - By request of the RSO, exclusion of UNIVERSAL SHIPPING BUREAU INC. due to end of operations.

September 2016 - Cancellation of Panama Bureau of Shipping, Inc and Global Shipping Class, Inc.

February, 2016- Suspension of Panama Bureau of Shipping and Panama Register Corporation.

December, 2015 - Change of CHINA CORPORATION REGISTER OF SHIPPING to CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY

November, 2015- Change of REGISTRO ITALIANO NAVALE to RINA SERVICES S.p.A.

August, 2015 – Modification of paragraph 3 and addition of paragraph 4.

July, 2013 – New Company included.

April, 2013 – Five New Companies added.

January, 2013 – Elimination of duplicated company name

January, 2013 – Five New Companies added.

January, 2013 - Two New Companies added

November, 2012



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