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### MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-295

**To: Merchant Marine Consulates, Authorized Offices, Training Centers, Regional Offices of Documentation of the Panama Maritime Authority**

**Subject: Amendments to the Circular DGGM-UCYC-014-2014 (Endorsements and Panamanian Certificates)**

**Reference: Resolution ADM No. 247-2014**

The purpose of this Circular is to reiterate that the General Directorate of Seafarers, through **Circular DGGM-UCYC-014-2014 and Merchant Marine Circular No. 293 REVOKED** the approval of the Assessment process (assessment of competence), to obtain a Panamanian Certificate.

Furthermore, this General Directorate hereby is **REVOKING**:

- **Circular DGGM-UCYC-022-2013** where the Republic of Panama established that would NOT ACCEPT Certificates of Competence (COC), or training courses of the International Convention for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers of 1978 as amended (STCW'1978, as amended), issued or on behalf of the Republics of Singapore, Liberia, and Marshall Island for tramits of endorsements.
- **Circular DGGM-UCYC-003-2014** where the Republic of Panama established that would ONLY ACCEPT Certificates of Competence (COC), and Certificates of Proficiency (COP) issued or on behalf of the Republics of Malta and the Government of New Zeland for tramits of endorsements from Panama to the Nationals of those countries, but NOT to the non nationals.
- **Circular DGGM-UCYC-004-2014** where the Republic of Panama established that would NOT ACCEPT Certificates of Competence (COC), and Certificates of Proficiency (COP) issued or on behalf of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for tramits of endorsements from Panama.

Therefore, the Republic of Panama, in compliance with regulation I/2 and I/10 of the STCW'78, amended, and based on the countries listed on Circular MSC.1/Circ1163/Rev.8., that lists the State Parties that have presented information which proves that they give full and complete effectiveness to the relevant provisions of this Convention, as amended **will recognize the Certificates of Competence (COC) issued** by the list of State Parties that have a Bilateral or Cooperation Agreement with our Administration.

As a transitory measure, the Administration could **endorse the COCs issued** by these State Parties for the period of time that is required for achieving or updating these Bilateral or Cooperation agreements.

This is the **updated List** of State Parties that Panama will recognize in compliance with regulation I/2 and I/10 of the STCW'78 as amended:

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Albania	Egypt	Madagascar	Samoa
Algeria	Eritrea	Malaysia	Saudi Arabia
<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>			
Argentina	Estonia	Malawi	Senegal
Australia	Ethiopia	Maldives	Serbia
		<b>Marshall Island</b>	<b>Singapore</b>
Azerbaijan	Fiji	Mauritania	Slovak Republic
Bahamas (the)	Finland	Mauritius	Slovenia
Bahrain	France	Mexico	Solomon Islands
Bangladesh	Georgia	Micronesia (Federated States of)	South Africa
Barbados	Germany	Montenegro	Spain
Belgium	Ghana	Morocco	Sri Lanka
Belize	Greece	Mozambique	Sweden
Brazil	Honduras		Switzerland
Brunei Darussalam	Hungary	Myanmar	Togo
Bulgaria	Iceland	Netherlands***	Tonga
Cambodia	India	<b>New Zealand</b>	Trinidad and Tobago
Canada	Indonesia	Nigeria	Tunisia
Cape Verde	Ireland	Norway	Turkey
Chile	Italy	Oman	Thailand
China*	Israel	Pakistan	Tuvalu
Colombia	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine
Comoros	Japan	Peru	United Arab Emirates
Cook Islands (the)	Jordan	Philippines	United Kingdom****
Côte d'Ivoire	Kenya	Poland	
Croatia	Kiribati	Portugal	
Cuba	Kuwait	Qatar	United States
Cyprus	Latvia	Republic of Korea	Uruguay
Czech Republic	Lebanon	Romania	Vanuatu
	<b>Liberia</b>		
Denmark**	Lithuania	Russian Federation	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Dominica	Luxembourg	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Viet Nam
Ecuador	Libya		

\*Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate member to the IMO)

\*\* Includes: Faroe Islands, (Associate member to the IMO)

\*\*\* Includes: Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten

\*\*\*\*Includes: Bermuda, Brithish Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man

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