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DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE
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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-355

To: Ship-owners/operators, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Port State Control Administrations

Subject: Use of Electronic Certificates onboard

**Reference: a) FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 - Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates, of 20 April 2016.
b) Merchant Marine Circular No.347 - Online Certificates Verification.
c) Merchant Marine Circular No.193 - Optional and Voluntary System for Electronic Books on board of Panamanian Flagged Vessels.**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to inform that the Republic of Panama has welcomed the use of the Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates, adopted by the International Maritime Organization by the Facilitation Committee for the use of electronic certificates through the FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 of 20 April 2016, in order to facilitate the use and acceptance of electronic certificates on board.
- 1.2. Furthermore, to inform the stakeholder on the List of Certificates that has been already issued by this Administration as Electronic Certificates, as well as to inform the list of Recognized Organizations authorized on the issuance of Electronic Certificates a per the delegation of authority approved by the Republic of Panama.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. Considering that signed paper certificates issued by our Administration and Recognized Organizations authorized to act on our behalf have been the traditional means of documenting compliance with International Maritime Organization requirements, as well as ships have experienced instances of Port State Control actions because a traditional paper certificate has been issued but has not arrived on the ship, or the traditional paper certificate has been damaged or lost.
- 2.2. The use and acceptance of electronic statutory certificates, including printed versions of electronic certificates is an initiative well supported by the Panama Maritime Authority, in order to reduce the instances of Port State Control authorities denying the validity of these certificates, resulting in a burden to the master and crew, ship owner or operator, Port State Control authorities, Administration, and other stakeholders.

2.3. As per FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 of 20 April 2016:

2.3.1. Certificate means a document issued by the Administration or its representatives that is used to show compliance with IMO requirements and used to describe operating conditions, crewing requirements, and ship equipment carriage requirements. The term "certificate" does not include publications, manuals, instructions or ships' logs used to record ongoing operations; (for the use of electronic books please see our MMC.193).

2.3.2. Electronic certificate means a certificate issued in an electronic format;

2.3.3. Electronic signature means data in electronic form which is attached to or logically associated with other electronic data to serve as a method of authentication of the issuer and contents of the electronic data;

2.3.4. Printed version of electronic certificate means a paper printout produced from the electronic certificate;

2.3.5. Unique tracking number (UTN) means a string of numbers, letters or symbols used as an identifier to distinguish an electronic certificate issued by an Administration or its representative from any other electronic certificate issued by the same Administration or its representative; and

2.3.6. Verifying means a reliable, secure and continuously available process to confirm the authenticity and validity of an electronic certificate using the unique tracking number.

2.4. The use electronic certificates should include the following features:

2.4.1. validity and consistency with the format and content required by the relevant international convention or instrument, as applicable;

2.4.2. protected from edits, modifications or revisions other than those authorized by the issuer or the Administration;

2.4.3. a unique tracking number used for verification as defined in 2.4.5 and 2.4.6; and

2.4.4. a printable and visible symbol that confirms the source of issuance.

2.4.5. instructions for verifying the information contained in the certificate, including confirmation of periodic endorsements, when necessary, should be available on board the ship.

3. E-CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

3.1. Following the initiative of the International Maritime Organization and being aware of the technology advantages, the Panama Maritime Authority has implemented among the Certificates issued as prerogative of this Administration the following Electronic Certificates:

- a) International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC),
- b) Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP),
- c) Certificate Of Insurance or other Financial Security In Respect of Civil Liability for Oil Pollution

- Damage (CLC),
- d) Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC Part I),
 - e) Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSM),
 - f) International Tonnage Convention (ITC69) (duplicates),
 - g) National Tonnage Certificates (NTC),
 - h) Certificate of Insurance or other financial security in respect of civil liability for bunker oil pollution damage (BCC),
 - i) Certificate of Insurance or other Financial Security in respect of Liability for the Death of and Personal Injury to Passengers (PAL),
 - j) Certificate of Insurance or other Financial Security in respect of Liability for the Removal of Wrecks (WRC).

3.2. Certificates listed above may be verified by using any of the following methods:

3.2.1. QR Code: by scanning the QR Code in your Mobile Device, your certificate is immediately verified.

3.2.2. Verification System: through the following link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, the selecting the option "Verification System" and inserting the UNT displayed at the bottom of the Electronic Certificate.

3.2.3. Certificates Query: verification instructions for using the option "Certificates Query" through the following link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates> is available in our MMC.347.

3.2.4. A user friendly manual has been prepared as well that is annexed to this Merchant Marine Circular.

4. RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED FOR STATUTORY E-CERTIFICATES

4.1. As per the information presented to this Administration and the correspondent delegation of authority, the following Class Societies/Recognized Organizations has been approved for the issuance of electronic Statutory Certificates to Panama registered ships:

- 1) DNV GL
- 2) Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
- 3) Bureau Veritas
- 4) Indian Register of Shipping
- 5) Isthmus Bureau of Shipping
- 6) American Bureau of Shipping
- 7) China Classification Society
- 8) Korean Register of Shipping
- 9) RINA Services S.p.A.

4.2. Verification instructions for the Statutory Electronic Certificates have been given through the web services provided by each Organization.

5. INSTRUCTION FOR FLAG STATE INSPECTORS

5.1. Flag state inspectors (FSI) should accept electronic certificates containing the features identified in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5. The FSI may request the master to demonstrate the validity of the electronic

certificate following the instructions available on board the ship (also refer to MMC.347) or by using the QR Code or the Verification System.

5.2. If the master does not succeed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the FSI that an electronic certificate is meeting the requirements, the FSI is advised to consult with this Administration, in order to review any inconvenience with the system or the Class/RO system.

July 2019 – Inclusion of RINA Services S.p.A., paragraph 4

December 2018 – Inclusion of MSM, ITC69 duplicates, NTC, BCC, PAL and WRC due to electronic version available.

October 2018 – Inclusion of Korean Register of Shipping in paragraph 4.

May 2018 – Inclusion of American Bureau of Shipping and China Classification Society in paragraph 4.

March 2018 – Inclusion of Isthmus Bureau of Shipping and Indian Register of Shipping in paragraph 4.

February, 2018 – Inclusion of Bureau Veritas in paragraph 4.

August, 2017.

Inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular or any request should be directed to:

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Panama Maritime Authority

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E-certificates Verification

Use this steps to confirm validity
of E-Certificates issued by the
Panama Maritime Authority



QR Code Verification



By scanning the QR Code in your Mobile, your certificate will be immediately verified...




Electronic Certificate

This certificate is valid until **August 01, 2018**

N.B. Any change or early termination of the above-mentioned insurance cover or other financial security will invalidate this certificate. The flag state administration must be notified of any changes.

Issued : August 08, 2017 at SEGUMAR - PANAMA
(Date of issue) *(Place of issue of certificate)*


UTN:CLC-000221

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- Certificates may be verified through the QR Code
- Using the Unique tracking Number (UTN), or
- Using the option “Certificates Query”.



QR Code Verification

Name and address of the insurance(s) and/or guarantor(s)	
Name	Address
HYDOR AS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MARKEL INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED	20 FENCHURCH STREET, LONDON EC3M 3AZ

This certificate is valid until **August 01, 2018**

N.B. Any change or early termination of the above-mentioned insurance cover or other financial security will invalidate this certificater. The flag state administration must be notified of any changes.

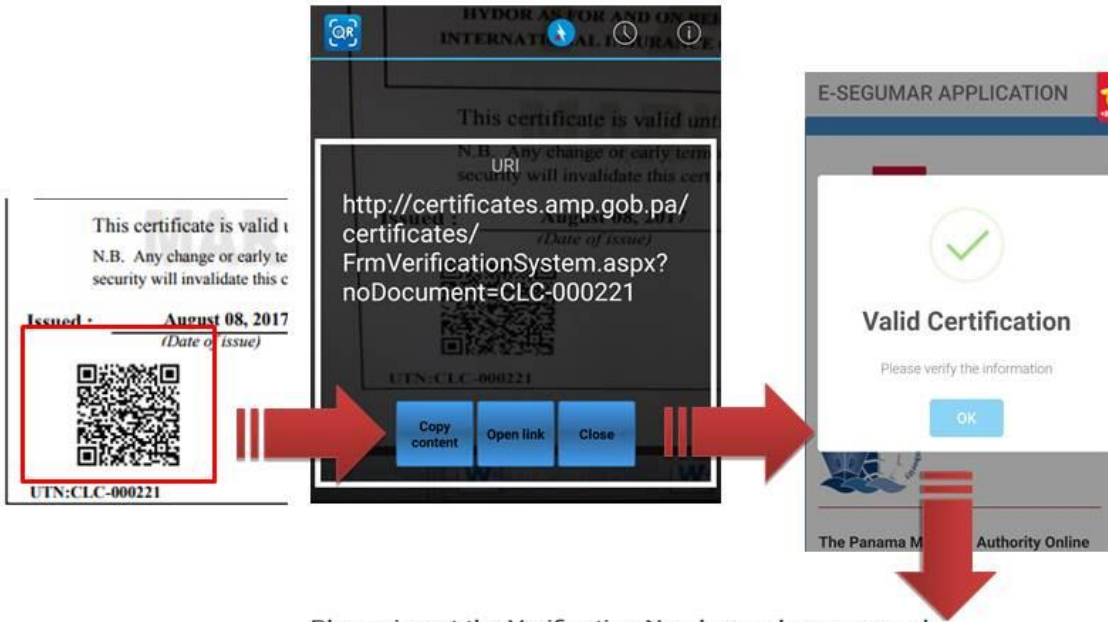
Issued : August 01, 2017 at SEGUMAR - PANAMA
(Date of issue) *(Place of issue of certificate)*



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Please insert the Verification Number and press search.

Verification Number:

No Certification	Type Of Certification	Name Of Ship	IMO	Call Sign	Issue Date	Expire Date
CLC-000221	CLC	ANCON TRADER	77154103ESK4		August 08, 2017	August 01, 2018

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Verification System

certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates/FrmInicialMenu.aspx

1. Access the link:
<http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>
2. Select the Option "Verification System"

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SHIP REGISTRY

100 YEARS
SERVING THE WORLD
1917 - 2017

This certificate is valid t
N.B. Any change or early te
security will invalidate this c

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Welcome to the Panama Maritime Authority Online
Verification System



The Panama Maritime Authority Online Verification System is a web application that let you know if a Certification is authentic.

Please insert the Verification Number and press search.



Verification Number:

 Search

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Writing the UTN located at the bottom of the E-
certificate....



Welcome to the Panama Maritime Authority
Verification System


The Panama Maritime Authority Online

Please insert the Verification Number and

Verification Number:

No Certification	Type Of Certification
CLC-000221	CLC

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Valid Certification
 Please verify the information

← The following details will appear.

By selecting →OK←, certificate details will be displayed.

Verification Number:

No Certification	Type Of Certification	Name Of Ship	IMO	Call Sign	Issue Date	Expire Date
CLC-000221	CLC	ANCON TRADER	7715410	3ESK4	August 08, 2017	August 01, 2018

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Verification from Certificates Query

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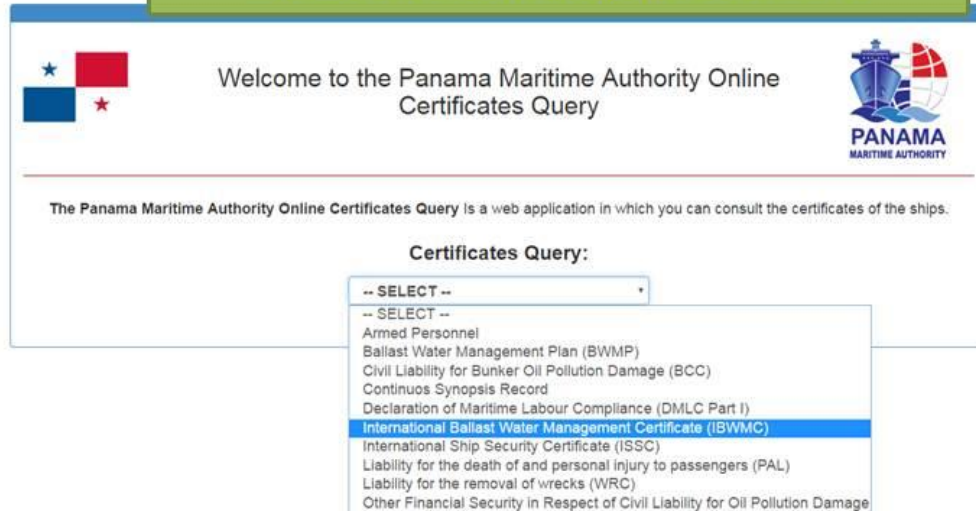
Verification System

Certificates Query

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Certificates Query





The screenshot shows the Panama Maritime Authority Online Certificates Query web application. At the top left is the flag of Panama. The main heading reads "Welcome to the Panama Maritime Authority Online Certificates Query". To the right is the Panama Maritime Authority logo. Below the heading, a text box states: "The Panama Maritime Authority Online Certificates Query is a web application in which you can consult the certificates of the ships." Underneath, there is a section titled "Certificates Query:" followed by a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of certificate types. The "International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC)" is highlighted in blue.

Certificates Query:

- SELECT --
- SELECT --
- Armed Personnel
- Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP)
- Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BCC)
- Continuous Synopsis Record
- Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC Part I)
- International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC)**
- International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)
- Liability for the death of and personal injury to passengers (PAL)
- Liability for the removal of wrecks (WRC)
- Other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage

1. Selecting the Certificate to be verified...



Welcome to the Panama Maritime Authority Online Certificates Query

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International Ballast Water Management Certificate

You can search vessels by Name or IMO Number

Search (IMO Number or Name of Ship):
Koeta Search

Name of Ship	IMO	No. Certification	Date of Issue	Place of Issue	Expiration Date	Technical Officer
✓ KOETA	9189017	BWMC-000156	September 8, 2017	SEGUMAR - PANAMA	April 11, 2022	ENG. LUISA CHONG

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2. Writing the Ship's Name or IMO number...

****Certificate validity date is displayed on the screen****