



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY  
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(DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE MARINA MERCANTE)  
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**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 No. 106-25-DGMM-2012

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, this Directorate General of Merchant Marine has invited all RO's to apply for the authorization to issue the above mentioned certificates.

2. The authorized Classification Societies and the Recognized Organizations are the following:

1. AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING (ABS)
2. BUREAU VERITAS (BV)
3. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
4. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
5. DNV GL
6. DROMON BUREAU OF SHIPPING
7. EMIRATES CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY (TASNEEF) L.L.C.
8. NATIONAL SHIPPING ADJUSTER INC (NASHA)
9. NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI (NKK)
10. LLOYD'S REGISTER (LR)
11. INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
12. INTERMARITIME CERTIFICATION SERVICES, S.A. (ICS)
13. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME REGISTER (PANAMÁ) INC- IMR
14. INTERNATIONAL REGISTER OF SHIPPING (PANAMA) INC- IRS
15. ISTHMUS BUREAU OF SHIPPING (IBS)
16. PANAMA CLASSIFICATION BUREAU, INC.
17. PANAMA MARITIME DOCUMENTATION SERVICES, INC (PMDS)
18. OVERSEAS MARINE CERTIFICATION SERVICES.
19. PANAMA SHIPPING REGISTRAR, INC.
20. POLSKI REJESTR STATKOW
21. INTERNATIONAL NAVAL SURVEY BUREAU (I.N.S.B)
22. PHOENIX REGISTER OF SHIPPING
23. RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING, S.A.
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

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3. The Recognized Organizations authorized to issue the Maritime Labor Certificate and the Declaration of Maritime Labor Compliance Part II.

4. The ILO provides some training and workshops through its Maritime Labor Academy with respect to the MLC, 2006 including certification of people that could be national or regional level trainers of inspectors on the MLC, 2006, therefore, each RO surveyor authorized through this circular, must be accredited as a maritime labor inspector by a ILO trainer of trainers (Tot) or a trainer certificated by a Tot.

5. 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.

6. The Classification Societies and the Recognized Organizations that are authorized after the publication of this Circular shall be included in the current list.

**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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