

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-343

- To:** Parties, Administrations, Port State Control Supervision Authorities, Ship-owners / Operators, Masters, Seafarers, Legal Representatives of Panama-Flag Vessels, Authorized Maritime Training Centers, Recognized Organizations (RO's), authorized medical practitioner, Private Consulates of Merchant Marine, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Brokers, and users of the Panama Maritime Authority.
- Subject:** List of States Parties of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, that have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention (White List).
- Reference:** 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, Law No. 4 of May 15, 1992, and Resolution J.D. No. 076-2020 of October 8, 2020 and its modifications.
Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (last version) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
Circular No. DGGM-001 (**Only as recommendation**).

1. Purpose

- 1.1.** The purpose of this Circular is to communicate to the users to the Panamanian Registry, the List of States Parties of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to which the Panama Maritime Authority recognizes the Certificates of Competency (CoC) and Certificates of Proficiency (CoP), in compliance with Regulations I/2 and I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, and in reference to Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (last version) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which lists the States Parties that have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention (White List).

2. Scope

- 2.1.** This Merchant Marine Circular applies to seafarers, ship-owners, operators and companies of Panamanian flag ships, States Parties, Administrations, Private

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Consulates of Merchant Marine, broker or any office authorized to carry out requests of seafarers' technical documentation by the PMA, and to all interested parties.

3. The following is the list of States Parties of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to which the Panama Maritime Authority recognizes the whose Certificates of Competency (CoC) and the Certificates of Proficiency (CoP):

Albania	Estonia	Malaysia	Serbia*****
Algeria	Ethiopia	Maldives	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	Fiji	Malta	Singapore
Argentina	Finland	Marshall Islands (the)	Slovakia
Australia	France	Mauritania	Slovenia
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mauritius	Solomon Islands
Bahamas (the)	Germany	Mexico	South Africa
Bahrain	Ghana	Micronesia (Federal States of)	Spain
Bangladesh	Greece	Montenegro*****	Sri Lanka
Barbados	Guatemala	Morocco	Sweden
Belgium	Honduras	Mozambique	Switzerland
Belize	Hungary	Myanmar	Syrian Arab Republic
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Iceland	Netherlands (the)***	Thailand
Brazil	India	New Zealand	Togo
Brunei Darussalam	Indonesia	Nigeria	Tonga
Bulgaria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Norway	Trinidad and Tobago
Cabo Verde	Ireland	Oman	Tunisia
Cambodia	Israel	Pakistan	Turkey
Canada	Italy	Palau	Tuvalu
Chile	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine
China*	Japan	Peru	United Arab Emirates (the)
Colombia	Jordan	Philippines (the)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the)****
Comoros (the)	Kazakhstan	Poland	United Republic of Tanzania (the)
Cook Islands (the)	Kenya	Portugal	United States (the)
Côte d'Ivoire	Kiribati	Qatar	Uruguay
Croatia	Kuwait	Republic of Korea (the) (South Korea)	Vanuatu
Cuba	Latvia	Romania	
Cyprus	Lebanon	Russian Federation (the)	
Czech Republic	Liberia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Denmark**	Libya		
Dominica	Lithuania		
Ecuador	Luxembourg		

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Egypt El Salvador Eritrea	Madagascar Malawi Malaysia	Samoa Saudi Arabia Senegal	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) Viet Nam
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* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO).

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*** Includes: Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

**** Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and Isle of Man.

***** Part of ex. Yugoslavia. As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.

4. The PMA reserves the right to establish restriction measures it deems necessary and/or establish requirements of additional supporting documentation as part of the requirements within the process of recognition by endorsement of Certificates of Competency (CoC), Certificates of Proficiency (CoP), Course Certificate, Seaman's Book or any other documentary evidence with the purpose of guaranteeing that any person holding an Endorsement of certificate issued by the PMA, has the required competencies to perform the positions and functions on board Panamanian flag ships, given that the human factor is an issue that affects maritime safety, maritime security and protection of the marine environment. The PMA will establish the requirement of additional supporting documentation or restriction measures through the mechanisms determined by this Maritime Administration for such purpose.

January, 2025 – Reference and the paragraph # 1 are modified, paragraph # 2 become paragraph # 3, and paragraphs # 2 and 4 are added.

June, 2023 – Change in Paragraphs # 1 and 2, and Kazakhstan is added.

December, 2020 – Change in Paragraphs # 1 and 2, and Paragraphs 3 and 4 deleted.

December, 2016.

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