



Merchant Marine **Notice**

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

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Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate / Ship Sanitation Control Certificate, International Health Regulations, 2005, (IHR)

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1. This Merchant Marine Notice has the purpose to inform all ships' owners/operators, Recognized Organizations and other interested parties how proceed to obtain the Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate/Ship Sanitation Control Certificate.
2. The International Health Regulations, 2005, (IHR) define their "purpose and scope" as: "to prevent, protect against, control and provide a public health response to the international spread of disease in ways that are commensurate with and restricted to public health risks, and which avoid unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade".
3. Under the IHR in Panama the Ministry of Health (MINSA) is only one that can issue the Maritime Declaration of Health, Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate/Ship Sanitation Control Certificate.
4. The States Parties shall designate the airports and ports that shall develop the capacities provided the issuance and extension of Ship Sanitation Control Certificates and the provision of the services referred to in Annexes 1 and 3 of the IHR. The extension of the Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate will be for a period of one month until the arrival of the ship in the port at which the Certificate may be received.
5. In Panama the Ministry of Health only provides this services to ships that dock in the Panamanian Ports of Balboa, Cristobal, Vacamonte and Charco Azul. Contact points: sanidadmaritima.cristobal@yahoo.com / dfsanidadmaritima@gmail.com
6. The Panamanian Flag vessels that require the Ship Sanitation Control Certificate to be issued or extended, it must be request it from competent authority of the port of arrival and not from the Panama Maritime Authority, according of the IHR.



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7. Download the list of authorized ports to issue the Ship Sanitation Certificates, according of the International Health Regulations, 2005, (IHR), https://extranet.who.int/ihr/poedata/data_entry/ctrl/portListPDFCtrl.php

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