

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-348

**To:** Owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

**Subject:** Recognized Organizations authorized for the issuance of the Provisional Certificate under the International Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004.

**Reference:** Law No. 41 of September 12th, 2016.  
Resolution JD-No.019-2005 of November 24th, 2005.

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### 1. PURPOSE

1.1. The purpose of this circular is to inform all of our users and clients that under an expedite process scheme Recognized Organizations have been approved to issue the Interim International Ballast Water Management Certificate regarding the International Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004.

### 2. BACKGROUND

2.1. The Panama Maritime Authority through Law No. 41 of September 12th. 2016 adopted the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004.

2.2. This Convention has the aim to prevent and reduce to the minimum the spread of potentially harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens in ships' ballast water from one region to another, through the establishment of standards and procedures for the management and control of ships' ballast water and sediments.

3. In order to verify the compliance of the Panamanian Fleet with the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004, this Administration has granted authorization to the following recognized organizations to carry out surveys and the issuance of the Interim International Ballast Water Management Certificate:

1. American Bureau of Shipping.
2. Bureau Veritas.
3. China Classification Society.
4. CR Classification Society.



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5. Croatian Register of Shipping.
  6. DNV.
  7. Dromon Bureau of Shipping Limited.
  8. Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) L.L.C.
  9. Indian Register of Shipping.
  10. Inter maritime Certification Services, S.A.
  11. International Naval Surveys Bureau, S.A.
  12. International Register of Shipping (Panama) Inc.
  13. Isthmus Bureau of Shipping, S.A.
  14. Korean Register of Shipping.
  15. Lloyd's Register Group Limited.
  16. Macosnar Corporation.
  17. National Shipping Adjuster, Inc.
  18. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai.
  19. New United (Int'l) Marine Services Limited.
  20. Overseas Marine Certification Services Inc.
  21. Panama Classification Bureau, Inc.
  22. Panama Maritime Documentation Services, Inc.
  23. Panama Shipping Registrar Inc.
  24. Phoenix Register Of Shipping, S.A.
  25. Polski Rejestr Statków S.A.
  26. Qualitas Register of Shipping, S.A
  27. Rina Services S.p.A.
  28. Russian Maritime Register of Shipping
  29. Türk Loydu.
4. All other Organizations are invited to apply for the authorization to issue this provisional certificate, as established in Resolution JD-No.019-2005 of November 24th., 2005.
5. Endorsement of corresponding Annual or Intermediate Surveys shall be carried out by the Recognized Organization duly approved to do so, after satisfactory completion of the same, as it is required by the Convention (Regulation E-1).
6. Annual and Intermediate endorsements of the IBWMC by the Recognized Organizations are subject to the fees indicated in our Resolution J.D. 002-2010 dated February 3, dated 2010 (refer to MMC-324 regarding endorsements of technical certificates).

**February, 2021 – DNV GL change of name to DNV**



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- December, 2020** – Inclusion of Panama Classification Bureau, Inc., paragraph 2 was added and revision throughout the text.
- March, 2020** – Suspension of Panama Classification Bureau, Inc.
- June, 2019** – Change of Polski Rejestr Statków to Polski Rejestr Statków S.A.
- January, 2019** – Exclusion of Hellenic Register of Shipping due to cessation of operations. Inclusion of Panama Classification Bureau, Inc.
- October, 2018** – Inclusion of New United (Int'l) Marine Services Limited and Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) L.L.C.
- October, 2018** – Deletion of July 2018 amendments due to information duplicity.
- July, 2018** – New paragraphs 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.4.1 and 4 have been added
- July, 2018** – Amendment of paragraph 3.1 a, b, c, inclusion of paragraph 3.2, change of numeration of paragraph 3.3 and 3.4.
- May, 2018** – Inclusion of Polski Rejestr Statkow Inclusion of paragraph 3.1, 3.2, 3.3
- November, 2017** – Inclusion of Dromon Bureau of Shipping
- November, 2017** – Inclusion of Türk Loydu.
- September, 2017** – Inclusion of National Shipping Adjusters, Inc.
- August, 2017** – Inclusion of Hellenic Register of Shipping
- August, 2017** – Inclusion of Qualitas Register of Shipping, S.A.
- July, 2017** - Correction of “DNV GL AS” for “DNV GL”
- June, 2017** – Inclusion of Overseas Marine Certification Services Inc.
- May, 2017** – Inclusion of Inter maritime Certification Services, S.A.
- March, 2017**
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