

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC- 136

**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO's).

**Subject:** Recognized Organizations authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority.

**Reference:** Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998,  
Resolution JD-No.019-2005 of November 24th. 2005,  
Law No. 57 of August 6th. 2008.  
Resolution No. 106-OMI-135-DGMM of 29 October 2014,  
Resolution No. 106-OMI-136-DGMM of 29 October 2014,  
Resolution No. 106-OMI-137-DGMM of 29 October 2014

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1. This Merchant Marine Circular replaces MMC-15.

## 2. PURPOSE

2.1. The purpose of this circular is to inform to all our stakeholders the list of Recognized Organizations (RO's) authorized to perform statutory certification and services on behalf of the Republic of Panama for vessels registered in the Panamanian Merchant Marine.

3. In order to comply with the National Regulations and International Conventions duly ratified by the Republic of Panama, the following organizations have been entrusted with the surveys/ inspections/ audits/ plans approvals and the issuance of relevant statutory certification on behalf of the Republic of Panama:

1. American Bureau of Shipping.
2. Bureau Veritas.
3. CR Classification Society.
4. China Classification Society.
5. Croatian Register of Shipping.
6. DNV.
7. Dromon Bureau of Shipping Limited.
8. Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) L.L.C.



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9. Indian Register of Shipping.
  10. Inter maritime Certification Services, S.A.
  11. International Maritime Register (Panama), Inc.
  12. International Naval Surveys Bureau, S.A.
  13. International Register of Shipping (Panama) Inc.
  14. Isthmus Bureau of Shipping.
  15. Korean Register of Shipping.
  16. Lloyd's Register Group Limited.
  17. Macosnar Corporation.
  18. National Shipping Adjuster, Inc.
  19. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai.
  20. New United (Int'l) Marine Services Limited
  21. Overseas Marine Certification Services, Inc.
  22. Panama Classification Bureau, Inc.
  23. Panama Maritime Documentation Services Inc.
  24. Panama Shipping Registrar Inc.
  25. Phoenix Register of Shipping, S.A.
  26. Polski Rejestr Statków S.A
  27. Qualitas Register of Shipping, S.A.
  28. Rs Classification Services Single-Member Private Company.
  29. RINA SERVICES S.p.A.
  30. Russian Maritime Register of Shipping.
  31. Türk Loydu.
4. Each Recognized Organization is authorized to carry out surveys and issue specific statutory certificates according to the national regulations and international conventions adopted by Panama.
5. RO's specific statutory certificates authorization list of each Recognized Organization is available at the RO/RSO Control & Monitoring Department of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine at owners/operators request, emailing: [ro-panama@segumar.com](mailto:ro-panama@segumar.com) / [ro-legalaffairs@segumar.com](mailto:ro-legalaffairs@segumar.com), and will be handled only for information purposes.

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

**December, 2020** – Inclusion of Panama Classification Bureau, Inc., paragraph 5 was added and revision through the text.

**March, 2020** – Suspension of Panama Classification Bureau Inc.

**November, 2019** – Overseas Marine Certification Services, Inc. correction name.

**June, 2019** – Change of Polski Rejestr Statków to Polski Rejestr Statków S.A.

**January, 2019** – Inclusion of RS Classification Single Member Private Company.



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**January, 2019** - Recognition of Hellenic Register of Shipping has been revoked due to the cessation of operations.

**October, 2018** – Inclusion of New United (Int'l) Marine Services Limited, Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) L.L.C. and Panama Classification Bureau Inc.

**November, 2017** - Inclusion of Dromon Bureau of Shipping.

**November, 2017** - Inclusion of Türk Loydu.

**July, 2017** - Correction of the name “DNV GL AS” for “DNV GL”.

**March, 2017**- Inclusion of Croatian Register of Shipping.

**February, 2017**- Suspension of Panama Marine Survey and Certification Services.

**January, 2017** - Closing of the company Universal Shipping Bureau Inc.

**April, 2016** - Suspension of Global Shipping Class Inc.

**February, 2016** - Suspension of Panama Bureau of Shipping and Panama Register Corporation.

**November, 2015** - Change of REGISTRO ITALIANO NAVALE to RINA SERVICES S.p.A.

**February, 2015** - Cancellation of Global Shipping Bureau, Inc.

**September, 2014** – Correction of name for China Corporation Register of Shipping and Lloyd's Register.

**August, 2012** - Inclusion of RO.

**October, 2011** - Format update.

**March, 2011** – Format update.

**March, 2011** – Inclusion of RO.

**January, 2011** - Inclusion of RO.

**October, 2010** - Inclusion of RO and format.

**February, 2010** - List of RO's.

**November, 2009** - List of RO's.

**July, 2007** – List of RO's.

**December, 2006** - List of RO's.

**April, 2006** - List of RO's.

**October, 2004.**

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