

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-257

- To:** Ship –Owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).
- Subject:** Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI)
- Reference:** Law No. 17 of November 9, 1981, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), 1973.  
Law No. 1 of October 25, 1983, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Protocol 1978.  
Law No. 30 of March 26, 2003, adopting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Protocol 1997.  
Resolution No. 106-OMI-108-DGMM dated November 29, 2012, adopting Resolution MEPC 203(62) dated July 15, 2011;  
Resolution MEPC.281(70) Adopted on 28 October 2016 (only as recommendation);  
Resolution MEPC.282(70) Adopted on 28 October 2016 (only as recommendation)  
Resolution MEPC.231(65) Adopted on 17 May 2013 (only as recommendation)  
Resolution MEPC.254(67) Adopted on 17 October 2014 (only as recommendation).

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1. The purpose of this circular is to inform users that the Resolution MEPC.203 (62) will enter into force on January 1st, 2013 and amends Annex VI of MARPOL introducing the regulations on Energy Efficiency relating to the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI), the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP), and the Energy Efficiency Operational Index (EEOI) as a voluntary measure for the control of the marine Green House Gases (GHG) emissions.
  2. This Administration authorizes all Recognized Organizations (RO`s) duly approved to issue the certificates related to Annex VI of MARPOL Convention on behalf of the



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Republic of Panama, to carry out the verification process of the EEDI according to IMO Guidelines 2014 – Resolution MEPC.254(67) which revokes the 2012 Guidelines on survey and certification of the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI), adopted by resolution MEPC.214(63), as amended by resolution MEPC.234(65).

3. Following verification, Recognized Organizations (RO`s) duly approved to issue the certificate related to Annex VI of MARPOL Convention on behalf of the Republic of Panama, are authorized to issue an International Energy Efficiency Certificate (IEEC) covering EEDI.
4. According to the Note No. 106-01-253-DGMM dated May 20th, 2015, and the MMC-324 the fee of US\$75.00 has been established for the International Energy Efficiency Certificate (IEEC) issued by Recognized Organizations (RO`s). The Recognized Organizations (ROs') shall comply with these payments for each certificate issued.

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