



Merchant Marine **Notice**

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

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NON AUTHORIZED RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION AND RECOGNIZED SECURITY ORGANIZATION BY THE PANAMA MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

No: **MMN-07/2022**

1. This Merchant Marine Notice has the purpose to warn all our stakeholders that this Administration recently detected a company named SEA STAR MARITIME GROUP (SMG) which has been found offering ship statutory surveys and certification on behalf of Republic of Panama.
2. The General Directorate of Merchant has not granted authorization to SEA STAR MARITIME GROUP (SMG) to perform surveys and/or issuance of certificates to Panamanian Flag vessels under the national legislations in force, therefore the Panama Maritime Authority.
3. Through their web site, SEA STAR MARITIME GROUP (SMG) offers a portfolio of different activities including classification and technical assessment, statutory surveys and verification services as well as certification, expert advice and authorized to issue twenty-nine (29) statutory certificates on behalf of Panama.
4. All technical documents / certificates issued by SEA STAR MARITIME GROUP (SMG) under the authority of the Republic of Panama, shall not be recognized as a valid document by the Panama Maritime Authority and we recommend Masters, Owners, Operators, Agents, or any third interested party to report to this Administration the technical documents / certificates issued by this organization, by emailing to ro-panama@segumar.com / ro-legalaffairs@segumar.com.
5. This Administration, would like to bring to the attention the content of the Merchant Marine Circular 131 (MMC-131) and Merchant Marine Circular 136 (MMC-136) through which we have published and listed the Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations duly approved by this Administration to conduct ship surveys/audits and issuing statutory certificates on behalf of the Republic of Panama.



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6. Specific statutory certificates authorization scope of each Recognized Organization and Recognized Security Organizations is available at the RO/RSO Control & Monitoring Department of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine at owners/operators request by emailing to ro-panama@segumar.com ro-legalaffairs@segumar.com, and it will be handled only for information purposes.
7. Finally, it is important to outline that this Maritime Administration is committed to the faithful compliance of its fleet, with the international standards coming from the International Maritime Organization, of which we are part, as well as, we have all the disposition to maintain a friendly collaboration and open communication with all our users, in order to avoid inconvenience caused by this unauthorized third party, by the Republic of Panama.

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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Notice or any other request should be forward to:

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