To: Shipowners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panama-Flag Vessels, Authorized Maritime Training Centers, Recognized Organizations (RO’s), Merchant Marine Private Consulates, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Departments/Units/Areas of the Directorate of Seafarers, Regional Documentation Offices of the Panama Maritime Authority

Subject: Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (last version) of the IMO (White List)

Reference: Circular DGGM-UCYC-049-2016

1. This document has the aim of communicating, to the users of the Panamanian Registry, that in compliance with the Regulations I/2 and I/10 of the Convention STCW’78, as amended, and in reference to the Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (the latest revision), of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which lists the State Parties which have demonstrated that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention STCW’78, as amended, (White List), this Maritime Administration will recognize the Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued by:

- Albania
- Algeria
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas (the)
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Belize
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bulgaria
- Hungary
- Cambodia
- Canada
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- China*
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Cook Islands (the)
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark**
- Dominica
- Mauritius
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Seychelles
Iceland  Mexico  Singapore
India  Micronesia (Federated States of)  Slovak Republic
Indonesia  Montenegro****  Slovenia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  Morocco  Solomon Islands
Ireland  Mozambique  South Africa
Italy  Myanmar  Spain
Israel  Netherlands***  Sri Lanka
Jamaica  New Zealand  Sweden
Japan  Nigeria  Switzerland
Jordan  Norway  Thailand
Kenya  Oman  Togo
Kiribati  Pakistan  Tonga
Kuwait  Papua New Guinea  Trinidad and Tobago
Latvia  Peru  Tunisia
Lebanon  Philippines  Turkey
Liberia  Poland  Tuvalu
Lithuania  Portugal  Ukraine
Luxembourg  Qatar  United Arab Emirates
Libya  Republic of Korea  United Kingdom****
Madagascar  Romania  United Republic of Tanzania
Malaysia  Russian Federation  United States
Malawi  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  Uruguay
Maldives  Samoa  Vanuatu
Malta  Saudi Arabia  Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Marshall Islands  Senegal  Viet Nam
Mauritania  Serbia*****

* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO)
** Includes: Faroe Islands (Associate Member to the IMO)
*** Includes: Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten
**** Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man
***** Part of ex. Yugoslavia. As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.

2. However, this Maritime Administration, may reserve the right not to recognize the Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) issued by some of the State Parties listed in the Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (the latest revision).

3. Likewise, it is informed that by this Circular are revoked and derogated the:
3.1. Circular DGGM-UCYC-016-2014, of August 14th of 2014, regarding the modifications to the Circular DGGM-UCYC-014-2014 and its counterpart, the Merchant Marine’s Circular MMC-295. And,
3.2. Circular DGGM-UCYC-014-2014, of July 30th, 2014, concerning the Panamanian endorsements and certificates, and its counterpart, the Merchant Marine’s Circular MMC-293.

4. Likewise, the Circulars are still revoked and derogated the:
   4.3. Circular No.DGGM-UCYC-022-2013, of October 31st of 2013, concerning the certificate process of the Republic of Singapore, Liberia and Marshall Islands. And,

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