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Subject: Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) issued for non-nationals

Reference: Circular DGGM-UCYC-050-2016

1. This document has the aim of communicating, to the users of the Panamanian Registry, that this Administration reserves the right not to recognize the Certificate of Competency (CoC), and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) issued for **non-nationals** of the countries of: Belize, Honduras, Cook Islands, Samoa, Dominica, and the Federated States of Micronesia.
2. Accordingly, this Circular unifies and derogates the following Circulars:
 - 2.1. **Circular DGGM-UCYC-023-2014**, of September 30th of 2014, concerning the certificate process for the Republic of Belize, Honduras, and so forth.
 - 2.2. **Circular DGGM-UCYC-017-2015**, of April 1st of 2015, concerning the certificate process for Cook Islands.
 - 2.3. **Circular DGGM-UCYC-014-2015**, of September 7th of 2015, concerning the certificate process for Samoa and its counterpart Merchant Marine's Circular MMC-318.

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- 2.4. **Circular DGGM-UCYC-017-2015**, of April 1st of 2015, concerning the certificate process for Dominica.
- 2.5. **Circular DGGM-UCYC-024-2015**, of December 9th of 2015, concerning the certificate process for the Federated States of Micronesia.

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