

**REPUBLIC OF PANAMA**

*Ministry of Finance and Treasury*

*Office of the Directorate of Merchant Marine Circular No. 65*

*Consular and Maritime Affairs*

<b>To:</b> Shipowners/Operators and Masters of Panamanian Vessels
<b>Subject:</b> Validity of the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate
<b>Reference:</b> Resolution No. 614-308-ALCN Merchant Marine Circular No. 47

This office reaffirms the policy established in Merchant Marine Circular No. 47 which reads as follows:

"The period of validity of the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate is indefinite unless the circumstances of equipment, trading area and type of service change enough to affect the prescribed manning. The certificate is renewed every time there is a change of name of the vessel".

Owners/Operators are to contact the New York Office of the Directorate of Consular and Maritime Affairs for the obtainment of a new certificate when called for.

Furthermore and due to the large increase in administrative costs incurred by the Administration in processing this certificate, it is hereby stipulated that as of 1 January 1987 the fee for issuance of this certificate has been US\$ 150.00.

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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular should be directed to:  
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