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**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

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**Subject:** Authorized Recognized Organization (ROs)

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**Reference:**

- a. International conventions and regulations adopted by Panama
- b. Resolution No. 614-232-ALCN dated April 25, 1980
- c. Law No. 14 of May 27, 1980
- d. Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998

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*This Merchant Marine Circular supersedes MMC No. 15*

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform the list of Recognized Organizations (RO's) authorized for the conduction of survey and certification of Panama flagged vessels.
2. In order to comply with the International technical certificates, the following organizations have been entrusted with the survey of ships and issuance of relevant convention certificates on behalf of the Republic of Panama:
  1. American Bureau of Shipping
  2. Bureau Veritas
  3. CR Classification Society
  4. China Classification Society
  5. DNV GL AS.
  6. Hellenic Register of Shipping
  7. Indian Register of Shipping
  8. Inter maritime Certification Services, S.A.
  9. International Maritime Register (Panama), Inc.
  10. International Naval Survey Bureau (INSB)
  11. International Register of Shipping (Panama) Inc
  12. Isthmus Bureau of Shipping
  13. Korean Register of Shipping
  14. Lloyd's Register Group Limited
  15. Macosnar Corporation
  16. National Shipping Adjuster, Inc.
  17. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai

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18. Overseas Marine Certification Service, Inc.
19. Panama Marine Survey & Certification Services, Inc.
20. Panama Maritime Documentation Services Inc.
21. Panama Shipping Registrar Inc.
22. Phoenix Register of Shipping, S.A.
23. Polski Rejestr Statkow
24. Qualitas Register of Shipping, S.A.
25. RINA SERVICES S.p.A.
26. Russian Maritime Register of Shipping
27. Universal Shipping Bureau Inc.

3. Each Recognized Organization is authorized to carry out surveys and to issue specific technical certificates according to the national and international regulations adopted by Panama. ROs specific technical certificates authorization list is available in this office at owners/ operators request.

**April, 2016-** *Suspension of Global Shipping Class Inc.*

**February, 2016-** *Suspension of Panama Bureau of Shipping and Panama Register Corporation.*

**November, 2015-** *Change of REGISTRO ITALIANO NAVALE to RINA SERVICES S.p.A*

**February, 2015** – *Cancellation of Global Shipping Bureau, Inc.*

**September, 2014** –*Correction of name for China Corporation Register of Shipping and Lloyd’s Register*

**August, 2012** –*inclusion of RO*

**October, 2011** – *format update*

**March, 2011** –*format update*

**March, 2011** –*inclusion of RO*

**January, 2011** –*inclusion of RO*

**October, 2010** –*inclusion of RO and format*

**February, 2010** - *List of ROs*

**November, 2009** – *List of ROs*

**July, 2007** – *List of ROs*

**December, 2006** – *List of ROs*

**April, 2006** – *List of ROs*

**October, 2004**

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