



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-351

PanCanal Building
Albrook, Panama City
Republic of Panama
Tel: (507) 501-5355
mmc@amp.gob.pa

To: Parties, Administrations, Port State Control Authorities, Recognized Organizations (RO's), Ship-owners/Operators, Seafarers, Legal Representatives of Panama-Flag Vessels, Privative Consulates of Merchant Marine, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Departments/Units/Areas of the GDS, Regional Documentation Offices of the Panama Maritime Authority.

Subject: New seal in the Seaman's Book that ratifies that the Republic of Panama accomplishes with the Convention 108 of the ILO and the article VI of the STCW'78 Convention, amended

Reference: Circular DGGM-UCYC-020-2017

1. The purpose of this circular is to communicate all users of the Panamanian Registry, that this Maritime Administration, has implemented the use of a new stamp on the Seaman's Books for seafarers issued through the Seafarers' Automated Application System (SAA), that states the following:

"This document has been issued in accordance with laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Panama and with Convention 108 relating to Identification Documents for Seafarers, 1958 of the International Labor Organization and Article VI of the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping of Seafarers as amended.

2. With this stamp, the Republic of Panama confirms that complies with the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention 1958 (No. 108) of the International Labor Organization (ILO), concerning Seafarers' National Identity Documents, and the Article VI of the International

Prepared by: Lawyer	Revised by: Compliance and Enforcement Deputy Chief	Aproved by: Compliance and Enforcement Chief	
Control N°: F-RIN-04-01	Versión: 06	Date: August 1, 2016	Page 1 of 4

Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers as amended (STCW '78, as amended).

3. Therefore, as of this day are enabled to put the seal the Seafarers Documentation Issuing Consulates, Non-Issuing Consulates, the Regional Documentation Offices and the Maritime Safety Inspectors (ASI) of the Merchant Marine Directorate. Furthermore, this seal has no cost and will be stamped specifically in the last page of the section of OBSERVATIONS of the Seaman's Book that are issued through the SAA System.
4. Failure to have this stamp on the Seaman's Book does not indicate that is not valid.
5. Sample of the new stamp is attached for reference.

September, 2017 - Modification Paragraph 3, 4 and 5; Deleted Paragraph 6.

June, 2017

***Inquiries concerning the subject of this Circular or any other request should be directed to:
Compliance and Enforcement Unit
General Directorate of Seafarers
Panama Maritime Authority***

Phone: (507) 501-5382 / 5288

Fax: (507) 501-5204

E-mail: cumplimentodggm@amp.gob.pa

Prepared by: Lawyer	Revised by: Compliance and Enforcement Deputy Chief	Aproved by: Compliance and Enforcement Chief	
Control N°: F-RIN-04-01	Versión: 06	Date: August 1, 2016	Page 2 of 4

OBSERVACIONES
OBSERVATIONS

This document has been issued in accordance with laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Panama and with Convention 108 relating to Identification Documents for Seafarers, 1958 of the International Labor Organization and Article VI of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers STCW 78 as amended.

CAUSALES DE CANCELACIÓN DEL CARNÉ DE IDENTIFICACIÓN

- a) Infringir en modo grave las normas Nacionales e Internacionales de seguridad, protección, prevención y control de la contaminación del medio marino, previstas en las normas legales vigentes adoptadas por la República de Panamá.
- b) La alteración efectuada en el Documento por el titular del mismo, o con su consentimiento, que afecte sus límites de validez o el grado del titular.
- c) La comprobación de que el titular del documento haya presentado para su obtención documentos falsos o ilegítimamente obtenidos.
- d) La probada incompetencia profesional.
- e) Alteración de las facultades debido al uso de drogas o alcohol.
- f) Deficiencia física o mental que impida el desempeño de las tareas correspondientes al cargo que se ejerce.
- g) Negligencia en el ejercicio de sus labores.
- h) Actos de omisión que hagan peligrar vidas o propiedades.

REASONS FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE IDENTITY CARD

- a) *Serious infringement of the national and international Standards of safety, security, marine environment pollution, prevention and control, as prescribed in binding rules and regulations adopted by the Republic of Panama.*
- b) *Alteration of this certificate by the holder himself or by others with his consent, with intention of changing its validity or the rank of the holder.*
- c) *Confirmation that the holder of this certificate has obtained it by presenting forged or otherwise illegal documents.*
- d) *Evidence of professional incompetence.*
- e) *Consumption of drugs or alcohol leading to the impairment of judgement.*
- f) *Physical or mental deterioration resulting in the ability to carry out contracted duties.*
- g) *Negligence in the performance of duties.*
- h) *Actions which may endanger lives or property.*

ARCM-FNMT