



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
General Directorate of Seafarers

Merchant Marine Circular No. 181
Seafarers Circular No. 022-08

To: Owners/Operators of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Legal Representatives, Manning Companies, Consuls and ASI Inspectors.

Subject: Responsibilities of Companies / Report of Fraudulent Certificates

References: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended, Resolution J.D. N°.009-2001

1. The purpose of this General Directorate of Seafarers Circular, according to the dispositions established in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW 78 as amended) and Resolution J.D.N°.009-2001, in relation to the Responsibilities of Companies and the Report of Fraudulent Certificates of Seafarers, is to notify the following:
2. For purposes of the present Circular, it is the interest of the Panama Maritime Authority, through the General Directorate of Seafarers, emphasize that it is the Responsibility of the Companies to be familiar with provisions in Regulation I/14 and Section I/14 of STCW 78 Convention, as amended, specifically “for the assignment of seafarers for service in their ships in accordance with the provisions of the Convention”.
3. For effects of the previous paragraph, we inform Owners/Operators and Legal Representatives of Panamanian flagged vessels, Manning Companies of seafarers, and other interested parties; that it is their responsibility to verify the Report of Fraudulent Certificates of Seafarers, before contracting seafarers to work on board Panamanian flagged vessels.
4. The Report mentioned on the previous paragraph, is permanently published on the Panama Maritime Authority webpage, www.amp.gob.pa; as well as on International Office of Maritime Security (SEGUMAR), www.segumar.com.

5. For purposes of this circular, the Panama Maritime Authority, through ASI Inspectors, will retain all fraudulent documentation, as far as possible.

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