

# Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority  
General Directorate of Merchant Marine  
Control and Compliance Department

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-180

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

**Subject:** Accession & Entry into force of the Bunkers Convention 2001

**Reference:**

- a) International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution of Damage 2001 (Bunkers Convention).
- b) Law N°.7 of January 14, 2009.
- c) Resolution J.D. No.015-2009 dated April 16, 2009.
- d) Resolution J.D. No.028-2022 dated June 14, 2022.
- e) Merchant Marine Circular N°.198
- f) Merchant Marine Circular N°.202

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### 1. PORPUSE

1.1 The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to inform that the Republic of Panama submitted, to the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization, the instrument of accession to the Bunker Convention 2001 on 17 February 2009.

2. Following the requirements of the Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Bunker Convention 2001, which indicates that: "For any State which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to it after the conditions in paragraph 1 for entry into force have been met, this Convention shall enter into force three months after the date of deposit by such State of the appropriate instrument."; this Administration will be able to issue the Bunker Convention certificate to Panamanian flagged vessels beginning 17 May 2009.

3. The Certificates issued before 17 May 2009, by other Administrations to Panamanian flagged vessels, will remain valid until their expiration date.

4. From 1 August 2016, applications should be placed by accessing the following link: [E-Segumar](#) please make sure that the Blue Card is readily available to upload in the system and evidence of the payment made to Segumar Office "PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY" has been made. The cost of the certificate will be \$250.00.



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5. In addition to the Certificate regular fee, from 25 September 2022, an additional charge applies for reviewing and handling documentation for fifty dollars (USD 50.00), for the issuance of any other technical certificate duly authorized by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine or through any SEGUMAR Office in a Merchant Marine Consulate, including the SEGUMAR offices in the State of Florida, the United States of America based in the city of Miami and SEGUMAR Head Office. The additional charge applies for the issuance in Panama, of technical certificates by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine. This charge shall be reflected in the official receipt, as fees for this service. (Resolution J.D. No.028-2022 dated June 14, 2022).
6. Please refer to our Merchant Marine Circular N°.202, where the list of approved P&I/Insurers is regularly updated.
7. The Panama Maritime Authority will issue Bunker Convention Certificates to ships flagged in States not party to the Bunker Convention 2001.

**September, 2022** – References and paragraphs 4 and 5 amended.

**August, 2017** – contact e-mail address and phone number updated.

**August, 2016** – All previous text on the Entry into force of the Bunker Convention and issuance of a Certificate of Compliance with the Bunker Convention Certificate has been deleted; text included previously in the MMC No.202 on the accession of the Bunker Convention 2001, has been added.

**August, 2008.**

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