

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-260

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

**Subject:** Bunker Convention Certificate Cost

**Reference:** a) Resolution J.D. No. 055-2012 dated December 6, 2012.  
b) Resolution J.D. No.028-2022 dated June 14, 2022.

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### 1. PORPUSE

1.1 The purpose of this Circular is to inform shipowners and operators that our Administration always aware of the global economic situation and continuously committed to our policy of providing offers to our clients by creating a decrease on the costs generated by our services, has deemed necessary to modify the Resolution J.D. No.015-2009 of April 16, 2009, establishing the fee for the issuance of the Certificate of Insurance or other Financial Security in Respect of Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunker Convention 2001).

2. In this sense, this Administration has issued Resolution J.D. No. 055-2012 which states that the Bunker Convention Certificate shall have a cost of USD \$150 for those economic groups that have registered more than 100 vessels with the National Merchant Marine.

3. Economic groups recognized by this Administration shall request the granting of the above mentioned special fees every year through a sworn declaration including the number of vessels that are part of its group, including their names and IMO numbers when applicable, this yearly list should be submitted to the SEGUMAR offices or Merchant Marine Qualified Consulates.

4. To be recognized as an Economic group in order to obtain the benefits above described, the owner, shall submit its request addressed to General Directorate of Merchant Marine, proving the existence of the economic group and listing the number of vessels, their gross tonnage, type of trade engaged in, year of build, names, or IMO or hull numbers.

5. The rest of the vessels shall maintain the previously established fee of USD \$250.



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6. In addition to each Certificate regular fee, from September 25, 2022, an additional charge applies for reviewing and handling documentation of 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).

**September, 2022** – Reference b) and Paragraph 6 added.

**January, 2018** – amendment to paragraphs 1 and 3; new paragraph 4 added.

**December, 2012.**

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