

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-317

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

Subject: Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007

Reference: a) Law No. 26 dated May 4, 2015,
b) Resolution J.D. No. 050-2015 dated July 30, 2015,
c) Resolution J.D. No. 028-2022 dated June 14, 2022.

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform all users of the Panamanian Registry that the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 has been adopted by the Republic of Panama on February 26, 2015, and the accession has been deposited at IMO on August 18, 2015.

2. Convention entry into force

2.1. Following the requirements of the Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, which indicates that: "For any State which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to this Convention after the conditions in paragraph 1 for entry into force have been met, this Convention shall enter into force three months following the date of deposit by such State of the appropriate instrument"; this Administration will be able to issue the Wreck Removal Certificates (WRC), related to such Convention valid from November 18, 2015.

3. Application

3.1. A certificate attesting that insurance or other financial security is in force in accordance with the provisions of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 shall be issued to each ship of 300 gross tonnage and above by Panama Maritime Authority after determining that the requirements of the Convention article 12.1 have been complied with: "The registered owner of a ship of 300 gross tonnage and above and flying the flag of a State Party shall be required to maintain insurance or other financial security, such as a guarantee of a bank or



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similar institution, to cover liability under this Convention in an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime, but in all cases not exceeding an amount calculated in accordance with article 6(1)(b) of the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as amended”.

3.2. From August 1, 2016, applications should be placed by accessing the following link: <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, please make sure that the Blue Card is readily available to upload in the system and evidence of the payment made to Segumar Miami Office “PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY” has been made. The cost of the certificate is \$150.00 (USD).

3.3. We remind our users that that valid copy of the Blue Card issued by any of the Insurance Companies listed on MMC-202, along with a payment of \$150.00 (USD) based on what is established on Resolution J.D. No.050-2015.

4. Handling fee

4.1. In addition to each Certificate regular fee, from September 25, 2022, an additional charge applies for reviewing and handling documentation of fifty dollars (\$50.00 USD), 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 – Paragraph 3.1, 4 and 4.1 added. All paragraphs renumbered and sections included.

December, 2017 – typo error amended in paragraph 4, and paragraph 5 amended.

August, 2017 – paragraph 4 amended, phone number and e-mail address updated.

August, 2015 - addition of paragraph #3.

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