

RESOLUTION J.D. No.028-2022

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY, in use of its legal powers and

CONSIDERING:

That this resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority in its Session No.008-2022 held on June 14, 2022, once evaluated the elements given to their knowledge.

That through Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998, the Panama Maritime Authority was created, and the different maritime entities of the public administration were unified.

That within the organizational structure of the Panama Maritime Authority is the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, an agency for administrative services and program execution, whose operation and internal organization is regulated by the provisions of Decree Law No. 7 of 10 of February 1998 and in the bylaws issued in development thereof.

That Article 30 of Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998, as modified by Article 187 of Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008, establishes that it corresponds to the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, among other functions, to execute the administrative acts related to the ship registry in the National Merchant Marine, as well as to establish the procedure to attend the process of documentation of the ships, the collection of services and the control measures for an optimal and efficient service; propose and recommend taxes, rates and other charges that must be paid by the vessels registered in the National Merchant Marine; ensure strict compliance and effective application of the legal regulations in force in the Republic of Panama, international conventions, codes or guidelines on maritime safety, pollution prevention and maritime protection of its ships.

That Article Eight of Resolution J.D. No. 042-2020 of April 27, 2020, modified the ninth article of Resolution J.D. No. 064-2010 of July 22, 2010, modified by Resolutions J.D. No. 040-2014 of November 12, 2014 and J.D. No. 017 of 2019 of May 3, 2019, in the sense of establishing an additional charge for review and handling of documentation, for the amount of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (USD \$100.00)**, for the issuance of any other technical certificate duly authorized by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine or through the SEGUMAR Office at a Merchant Marine Consulate, which will be reflected in the official receipt, of which an amount of **FIFTY DOLLARS (USD \$50.00)**, will be retained by the Consul before whom it was presented, evaluated, processed and issued, as fees for his/her service and the rest must be send as an additional collection to the Panama Maritime Authority.

That in view of the economic impact that the maritime market is currently experiencing and the aggressive campaigns of competing registries to attract our clients, through the reduction of costs for their services, the Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority must take the appropriate actions tending to lighten the economic burden that is generated for our clients by the issuance of technical certificates in our Merchant Marine Consulates or in the Segumar Offices within those Consulates.

In the same way, the Technical Analysis and Certification of Maritime Safety Department of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine, maintains a significant workload in terms of the issuance of technical certificates that are requested by our registry clients directly in the offices of Panama, for which this Board of Directors considers it necessary to establish an amount for the review and handling of documentation for the issuance of technical certificates by this Department.

That by virtue of the provisions of article 18 of Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Panama Maritime Authority to structure, regulate, determine, set, alter and impose rates and services rights provided by the Authority, therefore,

RESOLVES:

FIRST: MODIFY article ninth of Resolution J.D. No. 064-2010 of July 22, 2010, modified by Resolutions J.D. No. 040-2014 of November 12, 2014, J.D. No. 017-2019 of May 3, 2019 and J.D. No. 042-2020 of April 27, 2020, which will read as follows:

*“**ARTICLE NINTH:** For any application submitted abroad through a Consulates, Technical Office, or any office authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority, an additional charge will be applied for review and handling of documentation related to the qualification of Seafarers, of **TWENTY DOLLARS (USD \$20.00)**, an amount that will be reflected in the receipt issued to the crew member that will be given to the interested party at the time of payment for the application. From this additional charge, the amount of **TEN DOLLARS (USD \$10.00)** will be retained by the Consul before whom the application was presented and processed as fees for this service and the rest must be send as additional collection to the Panama Maritime Authority.*

*Likewise, an additional charge will be applied for reviewing and handling documentation in the amount 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 Ship Documentation Technical Office (SEGUMAR) in a Merchant Marine Consulate,*

which will be reflected in the official receipt, as fees for this service. This charge will also be applicable to the review and handling of documentation for the issuance of technical certificates by the Ship Documentation Technical Office (SEGUMAR) in the State of Florida, United States of America, based in the city of Miami. .

The charges applied for review and handling of documentation referred to in the previous paragraph remain valid, based on Resolution J.D. No. 064-2010 of July 22, 2010, modified by Resolution J.D. No. 040-2014 of November 12, 2014 and Resolution J.D. No. 042-2020 of April 27, 2020.

*On the other hand, a charge of **FIFTY DOLLARS (USD \$50.00)** will be applied, for the review and handling of documentation, for the issuance in Panama, of technical certificates by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine.*

All payments referred to in this article will be made in advance and there will be no reimbursement of the amounts paid in the event that the applicant withdraws the application for the issuance of the title, endorsement, license or any other service.

SECOND: REPEAL Resolution J.D. No. 001-2019 of February 7, 2019.

THIRD: This Resolution will become into effect one (1) month after its publication in the Official Gazette.

LEGAL BASIS: Decree Law No. 7 of February 10, 1998.
Law No. 2 of February 17, 1980.
Law No. 57 of August 6, 2008.

NOTIFY AND ENFORCE

Given in the City of Panama, on the 14th day of the month of June of the year 2022.

THE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY