

# Merchant Marine Circular

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

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-279

- To:** Parties, Administrations, Port State Supervisory Authorities, Ship-owners / Operators, Recognized Organizations, Seafarers, Legal Representatives, Authorized Maritime Training Centers, Authorized Physicians, Private Consulates of Merchant Marine, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Brokers, and users of the Panama Ship Registry.
- Subject:** Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended) – Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA).
- Reference:** Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended), Law No. 2 of January 6, 2009, Executive Decree No. 86 of February 22, 2013 and Executive Decree No. 160 of March 3, 2021.

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1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform to the users of the Panamanian Registry that once the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended) comes into force on August 20, 2013; the Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA) shall continue to be issued to existing vessels.
  2. During the validity of the Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA), inspections to the crew accommodations are not necessary during MLC, 2006, as amended inspections. The Panama Maritime Authority shall continue to issue the permanent CICA.
  3. The Panama Maritime Authority shall continue to issue Dispenses and Exemptions to the Convention No. 92, "Convention concerning Crew Accommodation on Board Ships", for existing vessels when the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended) comes into force.
  4. The International Technical Office of SEGUMAR shall issue the exemptions allowed on Standard A3.1 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended) to the newly built vessels considering that a vessel has been constructed on the date on which the keel was placed or on the date on which the vessel was at an analogous stage of construction. Any request shall be sent to [mlc@segumar.com](mailto:mlc@segumar.com) and [mlc@amp.gob.pa](mailto:mlc@amp.gob.pa).



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5. For those platforms or MODU wishing to voluntarily request the CICA, can do so through an authorized Recognized Organization by the Panama Maritime Authority.
6. Likewise and taking into account the established on Merchant Marine Circular MMC-251, the platform or MODU that decides to voluntarily comply with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended) shall request the CICA as well.

**April, 2023** – *Changes in the Paragraphs # 1, 2, 3, 4 y 6.*

**February, 2017** - *Change in the last email.*

**July, 2013.**

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