

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-351

- 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:** New stamp in the Seaman's Book that ratifies that the Republic of Panama accomplishes with the Convention 108 of the ILO and the article VI of the 1978 STCW Convention, amended
- Reference:** 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, Law No. 4 of May 15, 1992 and Convention 108 related to the Identity Documents of the Seafarers, 1958. Circular No. DGGM-039 (**Only Recommendation**).

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1. The purpose of this Circular is to communicate to the users of the Panamanian Registry, that this Maritime Administration implemented since June 27, 2017, the use of a new stamp in the Seaman's Book that is issued to seafarers, through the Seafarers Automated Application System (SAA), which establishes the following:
 - 1.1. *"This document has been issued in accordance with laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Panama and with Convention 108 relating to Identification Documents for Seafarers, 1958 of the International Labor Organization and Article VI of the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping of Seafarers as amended."*
 2. This Circular is intended to ratify that the Republic of Panama accomplishes with the Convention 108 related to the Identity Documents of the Seafarers, 1958, of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the Article VI of the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (1978 STCW Convention, as amended).



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3. As of the date are enabled to put the stamp the Seafarers Documentation Issuing Consulates, Non-Issuing Consulates, the Regional Documentation Offices and the Maritime Safety Inspectors (ASI) of the General Directorate of Merchant Marine.
4. **This stamp has no cost** and will be stamped specifically in the last page of the section of OBSERVATIONS of the Seaman's Book that are issued through the Seafarers Automated Application System (SAA).
5. The sample of the new stamp in the Seaman's Book is attached for reference.

May, 2023 – Paragraphs # 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are modified.

September, 2017 – Modification Paragraph 3, 4 and 5, Deleted Paragraph 6.

June, 2017.

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