



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF MERCHANT MARINE
(DIRECCIÓN GENERAL DE MARINA MERCANTE)**

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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-309

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

Subject: Procedures for Transfer of Statutory and Class Certification

Reference: Code for the Recognized Organizations, MSC-MEPC. 5/Circ.2

I - TRANSFER OF STATUTORY AND CLASS CERTIFICATION

1. All Recognized Organizations are required to comply with Regulation 3.9.3 "Cooperation between ROs"

3.9.3.4 In cases of transfer of the certification of the ship from one RO to another, the losing organization shall, without undue delay, provide the gaining organization access to the history file of the ship including:

- . 1 any overdue surveys;
- . 2 any overdue recommendations and overdue conditions of class;
- . 3 operating conditions issued against the ship;
- . 4 operating restrictions issued against the ship;
- . 5 technical information, drawings, plans and documents taking into account the relevant guidelines developed by the Organization.

2. Recognized Organizations shall refer to the Guidelines established in MSC-MEPC.5 Circ.2 for detailed procedures to ensure the adequacy of transfer of class-related matters between recognized Organizations (other references that may be consulted are IACS PR1D, PR12, PR28).

3. We request our Recognized Organizations to inform ship-owners who intend to transfer the class on the implementation of this Circular.

4. Whenever a Recognized Organization requires to report to our Administration, any non-observance of what is established in this Merchant Marine Circular, and in all the aforementioned regulations and procedures, must contact the Administration through the following e-mail: ro-panama@segumar.com

II - SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

1. Ship-owners are advised that a vessel holding certificates issued by an RO that has been cancelled or suspended by this Administration, must as soon as possible contact another RO duly authorized by this Administration (please refer to MMC-136 for the latest list of authorized RO's) to begin with the replacement of the certificates issued by the previous RO. The certificates issued by a suspended or cancelled RO will remain valid until the date of the next annual/intermediate/periodical endorsement or renewal, provided that all previous annual/intermediate/periodical endorsements have been carried out in due time and within the correspondent time frame. The new certificates issued by the gaining RO will have the same expiration date as the previous certificates.

1. Statutory Certificates that do not require an expiration date will be re-issued by the gaining RO.
2. Plans and booklets required for the issuance of statutory certificates will have to be re-approved by the gaining RO.

JUNE, 2023 – CANCELLED.

October, 2018 - Amendment to paragraph 1 and 2, paragraphs 6 and 7 re-numbered as 3 and 4

May, 2017 –New guidance included for vessels holding statutory certificates issued by an RO/RSO that has been Cancelled or suspended by this Administration.

Reference included to IACS Procedures

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