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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC- 335

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To: Merchant Marine Privative Consulates.

Subject: Issuance of Transitory Certificates (CT).

Reference: [Circular DGGM- UCYC-031-2016 of August 17th, 2016.](#)

1. Due to the high incidence of deficient seafarer's applications because of omitted documents, we respectfully request to the Consular Offices to avoid issuing Transitory Certificates (CT), to the users that submit incomplete applications. Also we request ensuring that the attached documentation meet the requirements established by the Panama Maritime Authority, in order to guarantee that our Regional Documentation Offices could process in a timely manner the applications that have been sent.
2. We understand that in the normal course of the Consular Offices, there might be cases in which is imperative the speeding up of documentation in order to ensure an efficient service to the seafarers; however, the "urgent" processing of an application, should always be documented and be subject to the parameters established in the procedures of the General Directorate of Seafarers.
3. In case that the Consulates persist with these practices, other administrative measures will be taken in order to comply with the internal regulations and to prevent that the Regional Documentation Offices receive **evidently incomplete applications** that delay the conclusion of the evaluation process, and consequently the issuance of the Seaman's Book.

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August, 2016.*

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