

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-278

- To:** Parties, Administrations, Port State Supervisory Authorities, Ship-owners / Operators, Recognized Organizations (ROs), Company Security Officers, 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) – Certification of Recruitment and Placement Agencies, Regulation 1.4.
- 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.

1. The purpose of this Circular is to communicate to the users of the Panamanian Registry that to date, the Panama Maritime Authority has not authorized any Recognized Organization to issue Certifications backing up the Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers on behalf of the Republic of Panama in accordance to Regulation 1.4 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended).

2. **SCOPE:**

This Merchant Marine Circular applies to all Recognized Organizations authorized by Panama Maritime Authority.

3. **BACKGROUND:**

Comply with the regulations issued by this Administration related to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006, as amended).



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4. In case you have any questions or comments, please send them to:
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September, 2023 – Update the Reference, and the Paragraphs # 2, 3 and 4 are added.

September, 2014 – Changes of email address on footer below.

June, 2013.

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