

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-162

To: Ship-owners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Class Societies, Recognized Organizations (RO's) and Management Companies.

Subject: New fees for Exemption Certificates

Reference: a) Decree Law No.7, of February 10, 1998.
b) Resolution J.D. No.10-2005 of June 16, 2005
c) Resolution J.D. No.03-2008 of January 21, 2008.
d) Merchant Marine Circular No. 152
e) Resolution J.D. No.028-2022 dated June 14, 2022

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to communicate all parties concerned with Panamanian flag ships of the new approved fees for the issuance of Exemption Certificates by Panama Maritime Authority (PMA).

2. Background

2.1. The entry into force of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) for Panamanian flag vessels, establishes standards with different periods of validity for some certificates; consequently, the Exemption Certificates related to such certificates will also extent its validity.

3. Exemption fee

3.1. Due to the extent of the validity to harmonize to the related statutory certificate, this Administration has decided to establish a new fee for the issuance of Exemption Certificates. Therefore, the new fee will be U.S. \$300.00 dollars. The new fee will enter into force the same date as the implementation of HSSC as per Merchant Marine Circular No. 152.

4. Handling fee

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- 4.1.** In addition to each Certificate regular fee, from September 25, 2022, an additional charge applies for reviewing and handling documentation of fifty dollars (USD 50.00), for the issuance of any other technical certificate duly authorized by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine or through any SEGUMAR Office in a Merchant Marine Consulate, including the SEGUMAR offices in the State of Florida, the United States of America based in the city of Miami and SEGUMAR Head Office. The additional charge applies for the issuance in Panama, of technical certificates by the General Directorate of Merchant Marine. This charge shall be reflected in the official receipt, as fees for this service. (Resolution J.D. No.028-2022 dated June 14, 2022).

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