

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-78

To: Ship-owners/Operators, ship managers, ship masters, designers and shipbuilders. Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO's).

Subject: Minimum Safe Manning for Laid-up Vessels.

Reference:

- a) Law No. 7 of October 27, 1977 - SOLAS 1974.
- b) Law No. 12 of November 9, 1981 – SOLAS Protocol 1978.
- c) Law No. 31 of July 11, 2007 – SOLAS Protocol 1988.
- d) Resolution MSC.325(90) of May 24, 2012 - Adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended, adopted by Resolution No. 106-OMI-118-DGMM dated September 2, 2013.
- e) Resolution A.1047(27) of November 30, 2011 – Principles of Minimum Safe Manning adopted through Resolution 106-OMI-117-DGMM dated August 22, 2013.
- f) Resolution No. 106-50-DGMM dated 18 June 2018 – Lay-Up Special Registry.
- g) Resolution J.D. No. 028-2022 dated 14 June 2022.

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1. The Minimum Safe Manning of a vessel as prescribed in Merchant Marine Circular No. MMC-285, may be reduced when a vessel is under Lay-Up Special Registry (Inactive).
 2. Application for such reduction should be made through this Administration, which would process the request of the minimum safe manning certificate for the laid-up vessel accordingly to the instructions in the Merchant Marine Circular No. MMC-285.

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3. 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).

September, 2023 – Cancelled

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