

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-241

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

Subject: Certificate of Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 (CLC'92).

Reference: a) Law No. 17 of 23 of October 1975 - CLC'69.
b) Law No. 96 of 15 of December 1998 - Protocol 1992 (CLC'92).
c) Resolution No.106-11-DGMM of 31 of January 2017.
d) Resolution J.D. No. 004-2000 of 28 of March 2000.

1. This Merchant Marine Circular replaces the circular No. **MMC-22**.

2. **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Circular is to inform our users of the Registry that in order to provide the most efficient as well as the highest quality service, we are pleased to provide you with the new guidelines to be followed in order to obtain and/or renew the Certificate of Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC'92).

3. **Scope:**

All the users of the Panamanian Ship Registry.

4. **Applicability:**

Considering the article VII of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, the owner of a ship registered in the Republic of Panama and carrying more than 2,000 tons of oil in bulk as cargo is required to maintain insurance or other financial security, by the sums fixed by applying the limits of liability prescribed in Article V, paragraph 1 of the Convention to cover his liability for pollution damage.



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5. From March 1, 2017, applications should be placed by accessing the following link:
<http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, please make sure that the Blue Card is readily available to upload in the system and evidence of the payment made to Segumar Miami Office "PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY" or Official Payment Receipt issued by the Central Office in Panama or by a Merchant Marine Qualified Consulate has been made. The cost of the certificate is \$100.00.
6. Acceptable Blue Cards are those issued by the Approved Insurance Companies listed in our Merchant Marine Circular No. MMC-202.
7. Certificates will be issued in electronic form; original signed document is not required any more.
8. The Certificate of Insurance or other Financial Security In Respect of Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC) issued before March 1, 2017, will remain valid until their expiration date.
9. We take this opportunity to reassure the interest the Panamanian Administration and its commitment with the improvement of its services.

November, 2023 – Inclusion paragraph 3 – scope and paragraph numbers order.

August, 2017 - reference listed by letters, adding subtitles Purpose and Applicability, paragraph 3 added and renumbering the remaining paragraphs.

February, 2017 - Correction through all the text reflecting application method through Segumar Offices.

February, 2015 - Corrections throughout all text.

September, 2014 - Elimination of previous point 2.

September, 2013 - Corrections throughout all text.

August, 2012 - Correction of Reference and hyperlink form.

April, 2012.

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