



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-269

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

Subject: **Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), Certification Process, MLC,2006**

Reference: **Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)**

1. That through Executive Decree No. 86 of February 22, 2013, the National Legislation on the Maritime Labour Convention, MLC, 2006 was adopted and extensively discussed in tripartite sessions where representatives of seafarers, shipowners and the Panama Maritime Authority participated.
2. The purpose of this circular is to inform users of the Panamanian registry that from March 11, 2013, the International Technical Office of Segumar Panama shall issue at no cost, the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance, Part I, (DMLC-Part I) in digital format where the national regulations required to certificate the vessel in accordance to the guidelines of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, are regulated.

If the user requires the original, they shall request it to Segumar office where the application took place.

3. That the Segumar offices in New York, Greece, Korea, Singapore and Tokyo shall start issuing the DMLC, Part I, by the end of March, 2013.
4. Vessels with a gross tonnage of 500 GT or more, engaged in international voyages, and those with a gross tonnage equal or over 500 GT flying the Panamanian flag and operating from a port, or between ports from another country, must have on board and in a visible place a copy of the Maritime Labour Convention and the Maritime Labour Certificate complemented with the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance, which consists of two parts, DMLC-Part I and DMLC-Part II.
5. In accordance with the MLC 2006, the term “international voyage” refers to a voyage from a country to a port located outside such country.
6. Vessels with a gross tonnage from 200 GT to 499 GT engaged in international voyages or voyages between ports, may voluntarily request the Maritime Labour Certificate, for which compliance with all national regulations shall be required.
7. In order to obtain the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part I, the [Application Form](#) must be sent by the user.
8. Once the DMLC Part I is issued, the shipowner shall complete the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II (DMLC-Part II), indicating the actions taken in order to ensure permanent compliance with the national requirements during the periods between inspections, as well as the measures proposed for guaranteeing continuous improvement of the aspects subject to inspection.
9. That a recognized organization (RO) authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority, shall endorse the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II (DMLC-Part II), once the full inspection has ended in accordance to the requirements of the MLC, 2006; and shall proceed to issue the Maritime Labour Certificate valid for five (5) years from the date of completion of the inspection on which this Certificate is based, in accordance to the MLC, 2006.

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10. The shipowners to whose vessels were conducted a full inspection, as per Regulation 5.1.3 of the Maritime Labour Convention, MLC, 2006, at the time of publication of this circular, are entitled to request the DMLC, Part I; proceed with the corresponding processing and use the inspection report to immediately issue the certificate valid for five (5) years from the date of completion of the inspection which shall be issued by a recognized organization authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority.
11. If a vessel under the Panama Flag is properly certified in accordance with the guidelines of the MLC, 2006 and it changes name or suffers any substantial changes to the structure or equipment covered in Title 3 Standard A3.1, it must request the DMLC-Part I to the administration and the shipowner must prepare the DMLC- Part II, in order to process the renewal of the maritime labour certificate.
12. The [DMLC Part II](#) must include the vessel name, the IMO number and the gross tonnage in accordance to the template given by the administration.
13. There shall only be one DMLC Part I template for all vessel categories under the Panama Ships Registry.
14. The recognized organizations authorized shall only act in accordance to the guidelines provided by the Resolution, which authorizes them in matters related to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.
15. Applications shall be submitted to the following email accounts:
 - mlcsegumar@amp.gob.pa / mlc@segumar.com - Panama
 - segumarkorea@gmail.com - Korea
 - newyork@segumar.com - New York
 - segumar@panaconsul-tokyo.com - Tokyo
 - segumar.sg@gmail.com - Singapore
 - jracine@panamaconsulate.com - Piraeus, Greece
16. This Merchant Marine Circular revokes Merchant Marine Circulars MMC-248, MMC-254 and MMC-256.

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