To:          Merchant Marine Consulates, Authorized Offices, Training Centers, Regional Offices of Documentation of the Panama Maritime Authority

Subject:    Endorsements and Panamanian Certificates

Reference:  Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.8

The purpose of this Circular is to inform that the General Directorate of Seafarers, REVOKEs and voids Circular No. DGGM-005-2011 issued on February 28, 2011, which established the requirements for the approval of the Assessment process (assessment of competence), at a maritime training center, specifically authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority, with the purpose of obtaining a Panamanian Certificate.

In this sense, the Republic of Panama, in compliance with regulation I/2 of the International Convention of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended (STCW’78, amended), and based on the countries listed on Circular MSC.1/Circ1163/Rev.8., that lists the State Parties that have presented information which proves that they give full and complete effectiveness to the relevant provisions of this Convention, as amended, will recognize the Certificates issued to the nationals of the following countries:

The State Parties are:

- Albania
- Algeria
- Argentina
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas (the)
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belgium
- Belize
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bulgaria
- Cambodia
- Canada
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Honduras
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Israel
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Malawi
- Maldives
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Micronesia (Federated States of)
- States of)
- Montenegro
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Peru
- Samoa
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Thailand
- Tuvalu
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
Cook Islands (the)  Jordan  Philippines  United Kingdom
Côte d’Ivoire  Kenya  Poland  United Republic of
Croatia  Kiribati  Portugal  Tanzania
Cuba  Kuwait  Qatar  United States
Cyprus  Latvia  Republic of Korea  Uruguay
Czech Republic  Lebanon  Romania  Vanuatu
Denmark  Lithuania  Russian Federation  Venezuela (Bolivarian
Dominica  Luxembourg  Saint Vincent and the  Republic of)
Ecuador  Libya  Grenadines  Viet Nam

Please notice this circular and execute accordantly,

Best regards,

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