



CIRCULAR MCO – 008-2021

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2021
FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: SURVEYORS/ MANagements/ OWNERS/ OPERATORS
SUBJECT: CHIEF COOK DISPENSATION LETTER – MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006, AS AMENDED (MLC 2006)

Dear All:

By this means, we would like to draw your attention to **circular MMC-385** related to the requirements in case of exceptional necessity to request a dispensation letter of the Chief Cook as per the Standards A2.7.3 regarding manning levels and A3.2.6 regarding food and catering as amended in the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

All dispensation requests can be done through us addressed to mlc@segumar.com, they will have no cost and will be issued until the next convenient port of call or a period of not more than one (1) month. Documents to be provided to begin with the request are as follows:

- Copy of valid Maritime Labour Certificate;
- Copy of valid financial security certificates;
- Chief Cook's full name, nationality and Panamanian license;
- Description of the situation and probable disembarkation date;
- Panamanian license of the crew member or non-qualified cook to whom the dispensation will be issued and
- Document evidencing instructions or training received by the crew member that will receive the dispensation.

The above-mentioned dispensation letter applies only to vessels with prescribed manning of ten (10) crew members or more if the prescribed manning is less than ten (10) the PMA will not have any problem with the request. All dispensation requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis, depending on the performance of the vessel and the company requesting it.

Note: **Circular MMC-385** attached for reference

All related documents can be found on our website: <https://macosnar.com/>.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,

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