



CIRCULAR MCO – 016/2018

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FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: OWNERS /MANAGEMENTS/SURVEYORS.
SUBJECT: *PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES*
REFERENCE:

- a. SEGUMAR CIRCULAR MMC-368-Technical E-Certificates onboard
- b. FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 - Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates, of 20 April 2016.
- c. Merchant Marine Circular No.347 - Online Certificates Verification.
- d. Merchant Marine Circular No.193 - Optional and Voluntary System for Electronic Books on board of Panamanian Flagged Vessels.

Dear All:

The purpose of this Circular is to inform all users of the Panamanian Registry about the List of Certificates that has been already issued by this Administration as Electronic Certificates according to the Guidelines (for the use of electronic certificates), adopted by the International Maritime Organization by the Facilitation Committee (for the use of electronic certificates) through the FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 of 20 April 2016, in order to facilitate the use and acceptance of electronic certificates on board.

Starting from August 1st, 2018, the printed version of Panama Electronic certificates (E-certificates) with QR Code will be the following:

1. Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)
2. International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)
3. Company Security Officer (CSO) Declaration
4. Authorization for carrying Armed Security Personnel
5. National Tonnage Certificate (NTC)
6. International Tonnage Certificate (ITC)
7. Minimum Safe Manning Certificate (MSM) (for cargo, passenger, supply vessels & tug boat)

For these E-Certificates, below you will find specifics, about the formats in which each should be printed out:

Continuos Synopsis Record (CSR), Company Security Officer (CSO) Declaration and Authorization for Armed Personnel:

Must be printed out in a single page (Letter size (8.5”X 11”) or A4 size if letter size is not available) and remain onboard. They should be printed in black and white.

International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC):

Must be printed out in a **dual page** (Letter size (8.5”X 11”) or A4 size if letter size is not available) and remain onboard. They should be printed in black and white.

ITC, NTC and MSM

Must be printed out in a single page (Letter size (8.5”X 11”) or A4 size if letter size is not available) and remain onboard. The number of pages will depend on the content of the certificate.

These E-Certificates may be verified by using any of the following methods:

1. QR Code: by scanning the QR Code in your Mobile Device, your certificate will immediately be verify.
2. Verification System: through the following link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, selecting the option “Verification System” and inserting the UNT displayed at the bottom of the Electronic Certificate.
3. Certificates Query: verification instructions for using the option “Certificates Query” through the following link <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates> is available in our MMC.347.

In the case of the E-ITC, E-NTC and E-MSM, issued before June 18 2018, they will remain valid until re-issuance because of any change on the main particulars of ship or in case of vessel fall within any of the parameters prescribe under paragrhaps C or D respectively of MMC 67.

In the case of the E-MSM certificate, because of the circumstances of equipment, trading area and type of service change enough to affect the prescribed manning.

The CSR, ISSC, and CSO Endorsements issued before August 1, 2018 without digital signature and QR Code are fully valid. Only those certificates/authorizations issued on or after August 1, 2018 will have QR Code and digital signature (only the printed certificates not the drafts version).

All the Corrections and Duplicates for above certificates issued before August 1, 2018 must be printed in the Panama or Segumar Offices, on the corresponding official paper with signature and original seal, and will not have QR Code, but they will be completely valid.

A copy of this Merchant Marine Circular should be placed on board to facilitate the acceptance of Electronic certificates and made available to other interested relevant authorities.

From now on CSR, ISSC, ITC and MSM will be issued in digital format and the clients must printed.

Best Regards,

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