

PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF SEAFARERS
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT



CIRCULAR No. DGGM-002

To: Parties, Administrations, Port State Control Authorities, Recognized Organizations (RO's), Ship-owners/Operators, Seafarers, Legal Representatives, Maritime Training Centers, Physicians, Privative Consulates of Merchant Marine of the Republic of Panama, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Brokers, Departments/Units/Areas of the GDS, Regional Documentation Offices of the Panama Maritime Authority and users of the Panama Ship Registry.

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Subject: Restrictions for the recognition of technical documentation of seafarers issued by other Maritime Administrations.

The purpose of this Directorate-General of Seafarers' Circular is to inform the following restrictions:

1. The Panama Maritime Authority does not recognize the Certificates of Competence (CoC), Certificates of Proficiency (CoP) and course certificates issued to non-nationals by the Maritime Administrations of the States Parties of Belize, Honduras, Cook Islands, Samoa, Dominica, the Federated States of Micronesia, Vanuatu, Indonesia, Palau, Syrian Arab Republic and Bolivia.
2. The PMA does not recognize or process technical documentation of seafarers issued or from nationals, of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).

The aforementioned is due to numerous and repeated reports from the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and resolutions issued by United Nations Security Council (UN). Therefore, because of the Republic of Panama has been a member of the United Nations since November 13, 1945, it is our obligation to fulfill the established precepts and provisions.

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