



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-279

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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) – Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA)

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

1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform users of the Panama Maritime Authority that once the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) comes into force on 20 August 2013; the Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA) shall continue to be issued to existing vessels.
2. During the validity of the Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA), inspections to the crew accommodations are not necessary during MLC, 2006 inspections. The Panama Maritime Authority shall continue to issue the permanent CICA.
3. The Panama Maritime Authority shall continue to issue Dispenses and Exemptions to the Convention No. 92, “Convention concerning Crew Accommodation on Board Ships”, for existing vessels when the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC,2006) comes into force.
4. The International Technical Office of SEGUMAR shall issue the exemptions allowed on Standard A3.1 of the Maritime Labour Convention , 2006 (MLC,2006) to the newly built vessels considering that a vessel has been constructed on the date on which the keel was placed or on the date on which the vessel was at an analogous stage of construction. Any request shall be sent to mlc@segumar.com and mlc@amp.gob.pa
5. For those platforms or MODU wishing to voluntarily request the CICA, can do so through an authorized Recognized Organization by the Panama Maritime Authority.
6. Likewise and taking into account the established on Merchant Marine Circular MMC-251, the platform or MODU that decides to voluntarily comply with the Maritime Labor Convention, 2006 (MLC,2006) shall request the CICA as well.

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