

# Merchant Marine Circular

Panama Maritime Authority  
General Directorate of Merchant Marine  
Control and Compliance Department

## MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-343

- To:** Parties, Administrations, Port State Control Authorities, Ship-owners / Operators, Masters, Seafarers, Legal Representatives of Panama-Flag Vessels, Authorized Maritime Training Centers, Recognized Organizations (RO's), authorized physicians, Private Consulates of Merchant Marine, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Brokers, and users of the Panama Maritime Authority.
- Subject:** List of States Parties of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, that have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention (White List).
- Reference:** Law No. 4 of May 15, 1992 adopted Convention STCW 1978, amended.  
Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (last version) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).  
Circular No. DGGM-001 **(Only as recommendation)**.

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1. The purpose of this Circular is to communicate to the users to the Panamanian Registry, the List of States Parties of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to which the Panama Maritime Authority recognizes the Certificates of Competency (CoC) and Certificates of Proficiency (CoP), in compliance with Regulations I/2 and I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, and in reference to Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (last version) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which lists the States Parties that have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the provisions of the Convention (White List).
  2. The following is the list of States Parties of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, to which the Panama Maritime Authority recognizes the whose Certificates of Competency (CoC) and the Certificates of Proficiency (CoP):



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



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\* Includes: Hong Kong, China (Associate Member to the IMO).  
\*\* Includes: Faroes (Associate Member to the IMO).  
\*\*\* Includes: Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.  
\*\*\*\* Includes: Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar and Isle of Man.  
\*\*\*\*\* Part of ex. Yugoslavia. As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. Following the dissolution of the State of Serbia and Montenegro on 3 June 2006, all treaty actions relating to the provisions of the STCW Convention undertaken by Serbia and Montenegro continue to be in force with respect to the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro with effect from the same date, i.e. 3 June 2006.

**June, 2023** – Change in Paragraphs # 1 and 2, and Kazakhstan is added.

**December, 2020** – Change in Paragraphs # 1 and 2, and Paragraphs 3 and 4 deleted.

**December, 2016.**

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