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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-153

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To:	Ship-owners/Operators, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject:	Crew Roll Logbook Endorsement

Reference:

    a)   **Law No.2, 1980**
    b)   **Decree Law No. 7, 1998**
    c)   **Circular 004/2007 General Directorate of Seafarers**

1. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine considers important to make additional clarifications in reference to the Circular DGGM 004/2007 issued by the General Directorate of Seafarers, regarding the vessels Crew Roll Logbook Endorsement.

2. Even though the new version of the Official Crew Roll Logbook states that it could be endorsed either by the Master "**or**" the Consul, this Administration would like to clarify that the legalization of the signature of each seaman in the crew roll (in and out) is mandatory only in the cases where an Official Crew Roll Log Book is used on board. For non-official Crew Roll Book, the signature of each seaman (in and out) can be stamped by the Master of the ship.

3. This requirement has to be performed, without causing unnecessary delays in the operation of the vessel.

4. Moreover, under no circumstances, missing endorsement of the consulate in the Crew Roll Logbook should not be a reason or ground to cause delays, fines, detentions or any restrictions in regards to the vessel operation at any port or by the Administration. This also applies for PSC inspections and ASI inspections as well.

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