

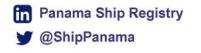
Merchant Marine Circular

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

## **MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-385**

- **To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).
- Subject: Chief Cook Dispensation Letter Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC 2006).
- **Reference:** Law No. 2 of January 6, 2009 adopted the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 Standards A2.7.3 and A3.2.6, Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended.
- The purpose of this circular is to inform all interested parties of the Panamanian Registry about the requirements they must provide "in circumstances of exceptional necessity" to request a dispensation letter of the chief cook taking into consideration the Standards A2.7.3 regarding manning levels and A3.2.6 regarding food and catering of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended:
  - 1.1. A copy of the Maritime Labour Certificate in force,
  - **1.2.** A copy of both financial securities (valid)
  - **1.3.** Full name, nationality and Panamanian license of the chief cook,
  - **1.4.** Full description of the situation and disembarkation date,
  - **1.5.** Panamanian license of the crew member or non-qualified cook to whom the dispensation should be issued,
  - **1.6.** Training or document evidencing the instruction received by the crew member whom the dispensation is issued.
- 2. The MLC dispensation for chief cook applies only for vessel's with a prescribed manning of ten crew members or more. In case of vessel's operating with a prescribed manning of less than ten crew members, this Administration have not objection a non-fully qualified cook serve on board.

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- **3.** The Minimum Safe manning certificate will be considered to evaluate the necessity of a dispensation.
- Requests must be addressed to <u>mlc@segumar.com</u> or the Segumar Office of your convenience. Dispensation letters have no cost, and it will be issued until the next convenient port of call or a period not exceeding one (1) month.
- **5.** The extensions of the MLC chief cook dispensation letter will be evaluated on case by case basis, depending on the performance of the vessel and the company.

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