



**PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY**  
**MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-317**

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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).

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**Subject:** Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007

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**Reference:** Law 26, 4 May, 2015

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1. The purpose of this Circular is to inform all users of the Panamanian Registry that the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 has been adopted by the Republic of Panama on 26 February, 2015, and the accession has been deposited at IMO on 18 August, 2015.
  2. Following the requirements of the Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, which indicates that: “For any State which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to this Convention after the conditions in paragraph 1 for entry into force have been met, this Convention shall enter into force three months following the date of deposit by such State of the appropriate instrument”; this Administration will be able to issue the Wreck Removal Certificates (WRC), related to such Convention valid from 18 November, 2015.
  3. Users may start applying for WRC from 1 September 2015, in order to avoid delays in processing the requests with the exception that certificates will be valid from 18 November 2015, in order to avoid inconveniences with the Port State Authorities.
  4. From August 1, 2016, applications should be placed by accessing the following link: <http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates>, please make sure that the Blue Card is readily available to upload in the system and evidence of the payment made to Segumar Miami Office “PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY” has been made. The cost of the certificate will be \$150.00.
  5. We remind our users that that valid copy of the Blue Card issued by any of the Insurance Companies listed on MMC-202, along with a payment of \$150.00 (USD) based on what is established on Resolution J.D. No. 050-2015.
  6. In this sense, all Wreck Removal Certificates (WRC) issued in accordance to the instructions stated on MMC-308, granted by other Administration previous to our accession to the Convention will remain valid until its expiration date.

*December, 2017 – typo error amended in paragraph 4, and paragraph 5 amended.  
August, 2017 – paragraph 4 amended, phone number and e-mail address updated  
August, 2015 - addition of paragraph #3.*

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