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**MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-318**

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**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Recognized Organizations (RO's), Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Inspectorates, Authorized Offices, Regional Documentation Offices of the Panama Maritime Authority

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**Subject:** ENDORSEMENTS FOR SAMOA

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**Reference:** Circular DGGM-UCYC-016-2014 (MMC-295)

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The purpose of this circular is to remember that, through Circular DGGM-UCYC-016-2014 (Merchant Marine Circular MMC-295), the General Directorate of Seafarers, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RECOGNIZE Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) issued by those countries listed in the Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.8.

That based on the preannounced Circular DGGM-UCYC-016-2014 (Merchant Marine Circular MMC-295), the States Parties who meet the requirements of the Panama Maritime Authority and the provisions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW'78, as amended), may opt for a Panamanian Endorsement, provided that there is a Bilateral or Cooperation Agreement with this Administration.

Therefore, and not existing those Agreements, this Administration will **NOT** recognize for endorsement the Certificate of Competency (CoC) from **Samoa** to a NON NATIONAL of this country.

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