

Merchant Marine Circular

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

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC- 341

To: Owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

Subject: Recognized Organizations authorized for the issuance of the Polar Ship Certificate under the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and the International Convention for the Prevention of Maritime Pollution.

Reference: Resolution MEPC.265 (68) of May 15, 2015 adopted through Resolution 106-OMI-180-DGMM of October 25, 2016.
Resolution MSC.386 (94) of November 21, 2014 adopted through Resolution 106-OMI-181-DGMM of October 25, 2016.

1. PURPOSE:

1.1. The purpose of this circular is to inform all of our users and clients that this Maritime Administration through Resolution 106-OMI-180-DGMM of October 25, 2016 and Resolution 106-OMI-181-DGMM of October 25, 2016 adopted the amendments to MARPOL and SOLAS respectively by which the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters is made mandatory.

2. Therefore, the General Directorate of Merchant Marine authorized the following Recognized Organizations to issue the Polar Ship Certificate:

1. AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING
2. BUREAU VERITAS
3. CHINA CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
4. CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY
5. DNV
6. INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
7. KOREAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING
8. LLOYD'S REGISTER GROUP LIMITED
9. NIPPON KAIJI KYOKAI



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10. POLSKI REJESTR STATKÓW S.A.
 11. RINA SERVICES S.p.A.
 12. RUSSIAN MARITIME REGISTER OF SHIPPING
 13. TURK LOYDU
3. The issuance of the Polar Ship Certificate is subject to the dispositions of Resolution J.D. No. 018-2005 of November 24, 2005, modified by Resolution J.D. No. 019-2009 of October 29, 2009 and Resolution J.D. No.002-2010 of February, 2010 (please refer to MMC-324).

May, 2021 – Inclusion of CR CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY, approved since 2017.

February, 2021 – DNV GL change of name to DNV.

December, 2020 – Last paragraph was deleted “All other Organizations are invited to apply for the authorization to issue this certificate, as established in Resolution J.D. 019-2005 of November 24, 2005.”

June, 2019 – Change of Polski Rejestr Statków to Polski Rejestr Statków S.A.

November, 2017 – Inclusion of TURK LOYDU.

July, 2017 - Correction of “DNV-GL AS (DNV)” to “DNV GL” December, 2016.

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