



Consulate General of Panama
United Arab Emirates

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Capt. Mousa Murad
General Manager
Port of Fujairah
Fujairah, United Arab Emirates

Dear Capt. Masoud,

The Consulate General of the Republic of Panama presents in Dubai presents its compliments to the Port of Fujairah.

1. The purpose of this Consulate Circular is to remind all interested parties that any crewmember who works on board a Panamanian flagged vessel must hold and keep on board the **Appropriate Certificate** issued or endorsed by the Panama Maritime Authority.
2. An **Appropriate Certificate**, according to International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW '78), as amended, is a "certificate issued and endorsed in accordance with Annex I and entitling the lawful holder thereof to serve in the capacity and perform the functions involved at the level of responsibility specified therein on a ship of the type, tonnage, power and means of propulsion concerned while engaged on the particular voyage concerned".
3. That pursuant to the provisions of Resolution J.D. No. 009-2001 and Rule 1/4 of STCW '78, as amended, the crewmembers must possess an adequate level of competence to serve onboard Panamanian flagged vessels, according to the type of vessel, navigation area, power and propulsion means stated on the **Appropriate Certificate** issued or endorsed by the Panama Maritime Authority.
4. The Consulate General of Panama in Dubai **the only authorized entity to issue Appropriate Certificates in the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East Region** on behalf of Panama's Maritime Authority
5. The Consulate General of Panama in Dubai, prior to the issuance of the Transitory Certificates (CT), **verifies the Black List from Panama Maritime Authority that also includes the terrorist list that the UN provides the Directorate General of Seafarers monthly** in order to avoid the misuse of said certificates for piracy, terrorism, kidnapping, smuggling, stowaways, hostage-taking, etc.

