

Measures implemented by the Panama Maritime Authority before COVID-19

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The Panama Maritime Authority (PMA) has adopted measures for the benefit of the users of the merchant registry given the current situation of COVID-19. The PMA continues to operate without interruptions and has implemented mechanisms necessary to maintain the services required by its users.

The most important measures include:

A. General Directorate of the Public Registry of Property of Vessels

- Payment of procedures has been enabled through the Private Consulates of Merchant Marine, ACH and/or through the National Bank of Panama.
- Administrative Resolution No. 054-2020 authorized the extension for 60 days of the term granted to the preliminary registrations so documents are elevated to Public Deed and permanently registered.
- Once the 60-day period ends, there will be 30 working days to submit the documentation required for the permanent registration of property titles, naval mortgages and deletion of naval mortgages.
- The Private Consulates of the Merchant Marine have been instructed on the Electronic Consular Authentication mechanism.
- Preliminary Registration Certificates will be issued electronically.

B. General Directorate of the Merchant Marine

- The procedures will be carried out through the PKI Platform attaching the corresponding documentation or sent via e-mail to the assessors and/or personnel of the Ship Registration Department.
- Provisional or regulatory patents and radio licenses that expire during the state of national emergency shall be extended ex officio for 90 calendar days.
- Certificates of Deletion of the Merchant Registry and Consents of Deletion shall be issued electronically using a bar code.
- Through Resolution No. 106-57-DGMM of March 25, 2020, printing and use of a digital form of certificates was implemented, which will have a bar code or QR code. This applies to Navigation Patents, Radio Licenses, Consent of Cancellation and Certificates of Cancellation of Vessels. The documents should preferably be printed in color

and placed on board the vessels.

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