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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-272

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

Subject: Exclusive Surveyors.

Reference:

- MSC.208(81) of May 18, 2006 adopted through Resolution No.106-OMI-91-DGMM of Jun 7, 2011
- Resolutions MSC.349(92) and MEPC.237(65) adopted through Resolutions 106-OMI-135-DGMM, 106-OMI-136-DGMM and 106-OMI-137-DGMM

This Merchant Marine Circular replaces MMC-174.

- 1. The purpose of this Circular is to kindly inform users of the Panamanian Registry that to Resolution MSC.208(81) of May 18, 2006, which amends Resolution A. 739(18), referring to the Guidelines pertaining to the authorization of the Recognized Organizations to act on behalf of this Administration, has been added to Annex 1, the new paragraph 2-1, following after the existing paragraph 2.; in consequence this Administration adopted such amendment through Resolution N°. 106-OMI-91-DGMM of June 7, 2011.
- 2. Furthermore this Administration has adopted the Resolutions MSC.349(92) and MEPC.237(65) through Resolutions 106-OMI-135-DGMM, 106-OMI-136-DGMM and 106-OMI-137-DGMM, due to the entry into force of the Code for Recognized Organizations (Ro Code) on 1 of January 2015 we would like to clarify the procedure to be followed in case of hiring non-exclusive surveyors and the procedure for reporting exclusive surveyors.
- 3. In this sense, in case that your Organization requires to hire a non-exclusive surveyor due to non-availability of exclusive surveyors the Recognized Organization shall request authorization to this Administration in a case by case basis. Authorizations shall be requested to Segumar Offices. The RO shall make sure that the hired surveyor is duly

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- qualified, trained and authorized to execute all duties by a Recognized Organization authorized by the Republic of Panama within their level of work responsibility.
- 4. Furthermore we kindly remind all Recognized Organizations duly approved to act on behalf of the Republic of Panama, that they must submit to the SEGUMAR Office Panama, the complete list of Exclusive Surveyors, appointed to conduct surveys on board Panamanian flagged vessels. The same shall be submitted every twelve (12) months.
- 5. The list of Exclusive Surveyors and any other information shall be submitted to the following emails: jortega@segumar.com with copy to vpalacio@amp.gob.pa.
- 6. Any Recognized Organization that has failed to comply with this requirement must submit this information to either one of the addresses listed above as soon as possible.

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