



## PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

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### MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-215

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**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO's)

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**Subject:** Amendment to the Panama Oil Record Book / Emissions

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**Reference:** Resolution MEPC 187(59), adopted by Resolution 106-OMI-81-DGMM & Resolution MEPC 176(58), adopted by Resolution 106-OMI-80-DGMM

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#### 1. PURPOSE:

1.1 The purpose of this Marine Circular is to provide ship-owners, ship operators, Masters and officers of Panama flagged vessels with guidance on the proper maintenance and keeping of the current Panama official Oil Record Book, now named Oil Record Book and Emissions according to Marpol 73/78 as amended for vessels (Revised Edition 2010); as required by MARPOL Annex I and Annex VI. This Record Book contains the amendment to the previous Oil Record Book Part I & Part II stipulated under Resolution MEPC 187(59), which will enter in force since 01 January, 2011. In addition, such record book has instructions (Part III) for actions carried out on board and necessary to be recorded in relation to Ozone Depleting Substances and Low Sulphur Fuel Oil according to last amendment under Resolution MEPC 176(58), which entered in force since 01 July, 2010 and the relevant information to be recorded when the Vapor Collection System (in tankers) has been used, including the use of incinerator. These guidelines should also be used by Recognized Organizations when conducting statutory verification surveys. These guidelines supersede Merchant Marine Circular No. 154.

#### 2. APPLICABILITY:

2.1 The provisions of MARPOL Annex I & VI apply to all ships as specified in the Convention.

#### 3. GENERAL:

3.1 Oil Record Books and Emissions kept on Panama vessels should comply with and supply all of the information recommended on these Guidelines and Annex I & VI of MARPOL. Official Oil Record Books and Emissions Revised Edition 2010 are available from the Administration head quarter office and in all our Consulates.

Vessels which have on board previous edition (Oil Record Book Revised Edition 2009) can carry out the corrections by pasting the new instructions with the corrections in the old version to bring it up to date according to new regulation under the mentioned IMO MEPC Resolution. For your reference, please find attached to this circular, copies of instructions containing the new Oil Record Book and Emissions, Revised Edition 2010 (last edition of Panama Record Book) in this regard.

#### 4. GUIDELINES:

4.1 An Oil Record Book Part I shall be carried on board, every oil tanker of 150 gross tons and above and every other ship of 400 gross tons and above to record relevant machinery space operations. Oil Tankers of 150 gross tons and above shall also carry an Oil Record Book

Part II to record cargo and ballast operations. In addition, every ship of 400 gross tonnages and above shall also carry on board the Ozone Depleting Substance record Book.

4.2 The Panama Maritime Authority has collected all those Record Books in one book named Oil Record Book and Emissions to be use on board Panama vessels and its main content is as follow:

PART I - MACHINERY SPACE OPERATIONS (ALL SHIPS)

PART II – CARGO AND BALLAST OPERATIONS (TANKERS\*)

PART III- REGULATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF AIR  
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS (ALL SHIPS)

4.3 For each part of the Oil Record Book there are specific instructions on how to fill out the format.

4.4 When making entries in the Oil Record Book and Emissions, the date, operational letter code and item number shall be inserted in the appropriate columns and the required particulars shall be recorded chronologically in the blank spaces. Care must be taken to ensure that the narrative record entry accurately identifies the exact operation which has been carried out. Supporting relevant information such as quantity, time, position, reference to receipts for disposal, etc. must be included, as appropriate. Any receipts which are referenced should be attached to the Oil Record Book and Emissions or readily available for review.

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\* A non-tanker that carries more than 200 cubic meters of oil, in bulk as cargo, must also maintain a Part II Oil Record Book.