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To: Surveyors, Masters, Owners/Agents maybe concerned

Notice on Panama Maritime Authority Merchant Marine Circular MMC-221 New Guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU)

Panama Maritime Authority Released Merchant Marine Circular MMC-221 (find in web site: www.segumar.com) Supersedes MMC No. 173, details as follows:

1. The purpose of this circular is to provide the new guidelines adopted by the Panama Maritime Authority, regarding the Occasional Inspection on board Panamanian flagged vessels.
2. This Administration, based on the decreased of detentions within the Paris MOU, as a result of the efficient mechanisms of monitoring of detained vessels, within the Paris MOU, and based on the inclusion of the Republic of Panama in the White List of this MOU, has determine to revoke the Resolution No. 106-26-DGMM of July 2, 2008, and to implement the Resolution No. 106-24-DGMM of March 24, 2011 (visit web site: www.segumar.com) , as follows:
 - Suspend the Occasional Inspection on board Panamanian flagged vessels of 20 years or more of construction, for which next port of arrival is a country member of the Paris MOU.
 - The General Directorate of Merchant Marine can consider to request an Occasional Inspection to every vessel of 20 years or more of construction,

which repeatedly incur in multiple detentions among the Memorandum of Understanding. In this case, the survey requirements please refer the CCS Circular No.CD326.

3. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine adopted a previous technical analysis for the authorization of a new registry in the National Merchant Marine of every vessel of 20 years or more of construction. This technical analysis shall include, among other things, a revision of the history of detentions of the vessel, as well as its performance in other registries.

4. The General Directorate of Merchant Marine can reject the registry of any vessel which detentions show a high level of non-compliance with the International Conventions ratified by the Republic of Panama, and may affect the performance of the National Merchant Marine.

The CCS Circular No.CD326 suspends enforcement except for that mentioned in above item 2.

Hereby notify the above.

Please contact Classed Ship in Service Dept. of the Headquarters in case of any unclarity during the implementation of this Circular.