



PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-314

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To: Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates, Port State Control, Recognized Organizations (RO's) and Recognize Security Organizations (RSO's)

Subject: MERGER OF DET NORSKE VERITAS & GERMANISHER LLOYD

1. The purpose of this circular is to clarify about the widely publicized merger of Classification Societies Det Norske Veritas (DNV) and Germanischer Lloyd (GL) form DNV GL AS (DNV GL Technical Certificate).
2. Both, DNV and GL are Recognized Organizations (**RO's**) and Recognized Security Organizations (**RSO's**) authorized to conduct audits, inspections, surveys and issue statutory certification on behalf of the Panama Maritime Authority (PMA)
3. This information is intended to advise ship-owners, operators and other interested third parties of the implications of the DNV GL merger for Panama flagged ships classed with DNV or GL or where DNV or GL issued ISM, ISPS or ILO certification.
4. DNV and GL were authorized as **RO's / RSO's** under separate agreements with PMA.
5. Based on above, PMA will recognize all statutory certification issued by DNV or GL under their existing R.O. agreements.
6. In order to reduce the administrative burden placed on owners and Panama Maritime Authority, this Administration will not require that the Continuous Synopsis Records (**CSR**) to be re-issued to reflect the merger of **DNV and GL**. However, the **DNV and GL** merger will only be reflected on new CSR when the new technical certificates under **DNV GL** are issued and submitted to this Administration with the CSR application Form.
7. The PMA has informed/will inform to the IMO and Secretariats of all Port State Control MOU's and the US Coast Guard advising PMA's policy with respect to certification issued by DNV GL AS, the same will carry the Logo or Trade denomination of the Company that is DNV GL in order to prevent the undue delay of Panamanian Ships.

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