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BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION

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345	Ballast Water Management Convention	September, 2017

CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS

37	Report to be submitted by the Classification Societies and other OR in case of a mayor Casualty	April 1992
42	Stowage and Securing of Containers, Unitized Cargo and Vehicles	May 1992
170	Night Time Lookout	July 2008
184	Casualty Investigations of Panamanian flagged vessels	September 2008
340	Application of Annex 14 of the Code Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code)	March 2017

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3	List of Merchant Marine Consular Offices	October 2011
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20	Annual Safety Inspection Program	June 1981
75	Bulk Carriers entering Canadian Ports	July 1992
76	"Declaration of Conformance" as per the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code)	July 1992
171	Online Ship Status – ASI	July 2008
172	Correction of deficiencies – PSC	July 2008
201	Correction of Deficiencies found in ASI Inspection	July 2017
221	New Guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (PARIS MOU)	February 2011

ISM CODE

95	Implementation of the ISM Code	September 1996
97	Implementation of the ISM Code – Required Reporting Date	April 1997
100	Implementation of the ISM Code	January 1998
115	Implementation of the ISM Code for ohter Cargo Ships and Mobile Drilling Units of 500 Gross Tonnage and upward-	September 2001

	required reporting date.	
160	Qualifications, training and experience of the Designated Person	March 2008
176	International Safety Management Code	December 2015
213	ISM Code Amendments	July 2010
354	Maritime Cyber Risk Management	August, 2017

ISPS CODE

123	International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code)	September 2016
124	Ship Security Assessment (SSA)	June 2013
125	Ship Security Plan (SSP)	June 2013
126	Ship Security Officers	June 2013
128	Security Levels and Declaration of Security (Dos)	June 2017
133	Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) ISPS CODE	February 2017
145	ISPS Code – Intermediate verification	April 2013
183	Procedures and Rates for the issuance of the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)	Septiembre 2017
205	Procedures and Rates for the Issuance of the International Ship Security Certificate	March 2017
206	Recognition of Company Security Officers (CSO)	September 2017
207	Procedures for ISSC Extensions and Additional Verifications	August 2016
242	International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) and Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) through Segumar Offices	July 2017
252	Stowaways Prevention of Access	August 2012
321	Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) on Board	January 2017
325	Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) adopted by the Panama Maritime Authority	January 2016
326	OVERDUE ISPS VERIFICATIONS	March 2016
337	Instructions for Payments to CSR and ISSC	June 2017
346	Amendments to the Ship Security Plans (SSP) for Recognized Security Organization (RSO) duly cancelled.	March 2017
353	Updated information to the Company Security Officer (CSO)	August, 2017

LIABILITY

180	Accession & Entry into force of the Bunkers Convention 2001	August 2017
198	Renewal of the Bunkers Convention Certificate	January 2009
202	List of Approved P&I/Insurers	August 2017
241	Civil Liability Convention Certificate (CLC)	August 2017
290	Accession of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 2002	August 2017

308	Entry into force of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks	April 2015
317	Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of wrecks, 2007	August 2017

MARPOL

24	Discharge of Contaminating Substances	June 1981
62	Entry into force of ANNEX II to MARPOL 73/78	June 1992
81	MARPOL 73/78 Retention on Board of Oily Waste	July 1992
143	Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS)	February 2006
147	Acceptance of the Exemption provision for the Vegetable Oils in the Revised MARPOL Annex II and IBC/BCH Code as amended	December 2006
168	Approval of rate of Discharge of Sewage	July 2008
177	Oil Record Book for oil tankers of less than 150GRT	August 2008
178	Reports Alleging Inadequate MARPOL Port Reception Facilities	August 2008
186	Tripartite Agreements in Compliance with Regulation 6.3 of Annex II MARPOL 73/78	October 2008
200	Revision of the IBC/BCH Code and MARPOL 73/78 Annex II	February 2009
209	Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) management Plan	July 2010
217	Ship to Ship Transfer (STS) Operations Plan	December 2010
224	Control of the Fuel. Quality Guidelines	June 2011
257	Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI)	November 2012
319	Fuel regulations at berth in Hong Kong	September 2015

MINIMUM SAFE MANNING

78	Minimum Safe Manning for Laid-Up Vessels	July 1992
80	Temporary reduction in Manning due to special circumstances	July 1992
285	Principles of Minimum Safe Manning	August 2016

MLC

130	Maritime Labor Inspections	October 2013
227	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)	July 2011
237	Panamanian Shipowners Association / Maritime Chamber of Panama	February 2012
251	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) - Occupational Groups	February 2017

253	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), National Legislation Status	September 2012
255	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) - Authorized Recognized Organizations	July 2017
261	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) - Medical Certification Models and Standards	September 2014
262	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), Employment Agreements	September 2014
263	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC,2006) – Contact Points	September 2014
264	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), On-Board Complaints Procedure	August 2016
265	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) – Occupational Groups (DEFINITIONS)	September 2014
268	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) – Minimum Rest Hours	March 2013
269	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), Certification Process,MLC,2006	August 2017
271	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), National Legislation	May 2013
274	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) - Marine Casualties	January 2016
275	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) – Regulation 3.2 – Food and Catering	January 2016
276	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) –Guide for Shipowners	February 2017
278	Maritime Labour Convention, MLC, 2006 - Certification of Recruitment and Placement Agencies, Regulation 1.4	September 2014
279	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) – Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA)	February 2017
283	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)–Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services Guide	September 2013
297	Revocation of Circular MMC-282 “Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) – Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation, Recreational Facilities and Food & Catering.	October 2014
302	Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006). EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND DISPENSATION LETTER. TITLE 3. REGULATION 3.1. – ACCOMMODATION AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.	November 2014
303	Dispensation for Ship’s Cook Course	November 2014
336	Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006). Amendments-Regulations 2.5 (Repatriation) and 4.2 (Shipowner’s Liability)	September 2017
339	Medicine Chest and Medical Equipment	October 2016
350	Resolution ADM No. 092-2017 of May 18 th , 2017	May 2016
352	List of Approved P& I Clubs/ Insurers	September 2017

MODU

74	License Applications	July 1992
77	Rules and Guidelines for MOUs	July 1992
82	"MODU Code 1989"	January 1993
87	MODU Code" 1979 & 1989	April 1994

150	MODU Annual Safety Inspection	July 2007
289	Bottom Surveys of Mobile Offshore Units (Drilling and non-Drilling) certificated under MODU Code adoption.	April 2014
292	Mobile OFFshore Units (MOU) - Nondescript Units	July 2014
328	Validity of some certificates for MODU/MOU	March 2016

PAYMENT AND DISCOUNT

162	New fees for exemption certificate	March 2008
219	Payment to SEGUMAR	February 2011
260	Bunker Certificate Cost	December 2012
298	Economic Incentives for Panamanian Vessels	August 2017
315	Special Discount on Seafarers Certificate Services	August 2015

PIRACY

208	Information on Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor (IRTC), the Best Management Practices for ships transiting the Gulf of Aden, the contact points of Coordinating Authorities and Ships Report for Piracy.	November 2015
223	Ratification of Panama to the SUA Protocol 2005	May 2011
228	Use of Armed Security Personnel on board Panamanian Flagged Vessels	September 2016
230	High Risk Areas	May 2017
231	Piracy Reports	May 2013
234	Interim Recommendations for Panamanian Flagged vessels using PCASP while arriving, staying and departing from International Ports	May 2013
238	Ship Protection Measures for Vessels transiting High Risk Areas	March 2014
243	Authorization for Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC)	December 2014
245	Authorized Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC) transiting High Risk Areas	July 2017
286	IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC)	December 2016
305	Rates to the Recognized Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC)	January 2016
306	Security Personnel and Weapons listed by Private Maritime Security Companies (PMSC)	September 2015
320	Protection against attacks by pirates in the High Risk Area (HRA)	October 2015
327	Security Measures passing the Gulf of Guinea (GoG)	January 2017
338	Multiple Accreditation for Private Security Companies	October 2016

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46	Notice to mariners and Summary of Corrections	May 1992
47	Retention of the Official Log Book	May 1992
71	Official Documents on Board Panamanian Flag Vessels and Standard Fees	March 1999
107	Publications and Records require on vessels of 500 gross tonnage or above with International Registration in the Panamanian Registry	March 1999
108	Publications and Records require on non-self-propelled units certified under the Mobile offshore Drilling Units Code.	September 1999
193	Optional and voluntary System for Electronic Book on board of Panamanian Registry	December 2008
215	Panama Oil Record Book and Emissions (Amendments and Guidelines)	May 2017
218	Electronic Charts and Publications in regards to the Carriage Requirements and Crew Training on board Panama Flagged vessels	May 2015
222	Publication of Marine Notices in the Segumar Web page	April 2011
356	New Schedule of Attention	September 2017

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

1	Issuance of Merchant Marine Circulars	June 1981
2	Function of the Directorate General of Consular and Maritime Affairs	June 1981
8	Amendments to the Vessel Registration (Navigation Patente)	October 2011
9	Registration and Inspection of Yachts	October 2011
11	Mortgage Contract	October 2011
12	Execution of Bill of Sale – Language Requirements	October 2011
16	Registry of Vessels Under Construction which require "Patente" (Registration Number and Radio Call Letters before they are Completed in their Construction Phase	September 2011
17	Applications for Radio communication Station License in the Maritime Mobile Service and List of Approved Radio Service Companies	October 2011
18	Required Documents for Ship Radio Stations	October 2011
35	Bareboat Chartered Vessels (Fletadas))	February 1992
60	Amendments to Panama Ship Mortgage Law	October 2011
72	Consular Fees and Legalization's	June 1992
84	Consular Visits to Panamanian Flag Vessels	May 1993
101	New Requirements for the Registration of Vessels	June 1998
151	Implementation of IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme	September 2007
169	Radio Accounting Authorities and Point Service Activations	June 2016
210	Review of Executive Decree No. 49	Mar 2010
220	Non-contracting Cooperating Member	Mar 2011

232	Registration, Annual Tax, Casualty Investigation and Annual Safety Inspection Fees	October 2011
233	Ship Registration	September 2016
259	Annual Taxes Receipt (ATR)	December 2012
270	Ships engaged in the activities of support to the operations of capturing fishing resources	September 2014
330	Panama Renewal as Non-contracting Member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	April 2016
334	Compliance with GMDSS High Frequency Narrow Band Direct Printing Channeling Requirements	August 2017

RO, RSO AND CLASS

88	Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan	August 1994
131	Authorized Recognized Security Organizations (ORS)	August 2017
136	Authorized Recognized Security Organizations (ORS)	July 2017
159	Control of the Issuance of Statutory Certificates	June 2016
272	List of Exclusive Surveyors	July 2016
284	Recognized Organizations approved for the issuance of the Class Certificate	July 2017
307	Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code)	December 2014
309	Procedures for Transfer of the Certification	May 2017
314	Merger of Det Norske Veritas & Germanischer Lloyd	August 2015
324	Administrative Fee imposed by the Republic of Panama for each statutory certificates and approvals issued by Class Societies and Recognized Organizations dully authorized by the Panama Maritime Authority.	December 2016
341	Recognized Organizations authorized for the issuance of the Polar Ship Certificate under the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and the International Convention for the Prevention of Maritime Pollution.	December 2016
348	Recognized Organizations authorized for de issuance of the Provisional Certificate under the International Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004	September 2017

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134	Validity of Course Certificates and Course Endorsements	April 2004
153	Crew Roll Logbook Endorsement	November 2014
163	New Format for Seafarers License	July 2008
175	Crew Dispensations	July 2008
181	Responsibilities of Companies / Report of Fraudulent Certificates	August 2008
182	Appropriate Certification	August 2008
187	Hours of Rest and Watchkeeping	October 2008
188	Watchkeeping at Sea	October 2008

189	Notice of the Rest Periods	October 2008
190	Issue of the Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA)	March 2014
235	Adoption of Panama to the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW, 1978, as amended.	July 2017
294	Opening of the Regional Documentation Office New York	August 2014
296	Dispensation Procedure/CICA Exemption	September 2014
300	CICA IMO Number	October 2014
301	Endorsement of Certificate of Inspection of Crew Accommodation (CICA)	October 2014
303	Dispensation for Ship's Cook Course	November 2014
311	New Regulations for Maritime Training Centers	August 2016
322	Private seafarer recruitment and placement services	October 2015
329	Seafarer's Automated Application	March 2016
331	Security Documents of the Seafarer's Automated Application System	July 2017
332	General Directorate Of Seafarer's Broker's Database Program	May 2016
333	Upgrading	August 2016
335	Issuance of Transitory Certificates (CT)	August 2016
343	(Circular MSC.1/Circ.1163 (last version) of the IMO (White List))	December 2016
344	(Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) issued for non-nationals)	December 2016
351	New seal in the Seaman's Book that ratifies that the Republic of Panama accomplishes with the Convention 108 of the ILO and the article VI of the STCW'78 Convention, amended	September 2017

SEGUMAR CONTACTS

191	Application Form	September 2016
199	E-mail Accounts	August 2017
211	Segumar Tokyo Office	December 2016
212	Segumar Piraeus Office	June 2010
236	Segumar New York Office	June 2017
239	Segumar Korea and Singapore Office	November 2015
291	Segumar Korea- Busan office	July 2014
310	Segumar Instambul Office	May 2015
312	Segumar Imabari, Japan	May 2015
316	Segumar Offshore Division	August 2016

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25	Construction Subdivision and Stability, Machinery and Electrical Installations	January 2012
26	Protection, and Fire Extinction for New Passenger Ships Carrying More than 36 Passengers; New Passenger Ships Carrying Not More than 36 Passengers; and Existing Passenger Ships Carrying More than 36 Passengers	February 1992
27	Regulations Concerning Construction - Fire Protection, Fire Detection, and Fire Extinction- for New Tankers	February 1992
28	Regulations Concerning Construction - Fire Protection, Fire Detection, and Fire Extinction for New Cargo Ships of more than 500 Tons Gross Tonnage	February 1992
29	Regulations Concerning Life Saving Appliances, etc. for New Ships engaged on International Voyages	February 1992
34	Performance Standards for Gyro Compasses	February 1992
68	Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft	June 1992
93	SOLAS 1988 Amendments, Chapter III Regulations 6.2.1, IMO Resolution 762(18)	June 1992
94	Panama Policy GMDSS Flag Vessels	June 1995
103	GMDSS Equipment Requirements	August 1998
105	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Fines	January 1999
109	Application of GMDSS in accordance with International Tonnage Certificate ITC'69	August 1999
110	Radio Direction Finder Apparatus Exemption Certificate Ch. V, Reg. 12(p) of the 1997 Edition of SOLAS 74/78	October 1999
112	EPIRB Programming and registration	October 2013
113	Compliance with mandatory Ship reporting systems	September 2001
121	General Exemption to Ships without Mechanical Means of Propulsion as per Reg. V/3.1 of the 2000 Amendments to SOLAS 74.	July 2002
138	Magnetic Compass	August 2009
139	Automatic Identification System (AIS)	May 2005
142	Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBD)	November 2005
144	Carriage of Immersion Suits carries onboard Panamanian Flagged Vessels	April 2006
155	Automatic Identification System (AIS)	March 2008
158	EPIRB Registration	March 2008
161	Voyage Data Recorder (VDR) and Simplified Voyage Data Recorder (S-VDR) annual test, and its Performance Standards	May 2014
164	Guidelines on early assessment of hull damage and possible need for abandonment of bulk carriers, on board of Panamanian Flagged Vessels	July 2008
165	Guidelines for Periodic Testing of Immersion Suits and Anti-Exposure Suit Seams and Closures	July 2008
166	Other means of embarkation for remotely located survival crafts	July 2008
185	Recognized Application Service Providers (ASPs)	October 2008

194	Approval of the use of Viking Lifteraft Type S30	December 2008
195	Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT)	May 2017
197	Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships (LRIT)	January 2009
203	Material Safety Data Sheet	July 2009
229	Bridge Navigation Watch Alarm System (BNWAS)	August 2014
246	Protective Coatings of Dedicated Seawater Ballast Tanks in all Types of Ships and Double- side Skin Spaces of Bulk Carriers (PSPC).	June 2012
249	Compliance with Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) regulations Reference. MMC 195, MMC 197.	July 2012
250	Lifeboat Release and Retrieval System	July 2014
258	Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear.	July 2017
277	Fire Control Plan graphical symbols	August 2013
281	Guidelines for the Maintenance, Inspection of Fire-Protection System and Appliances.	June 2013
287	Earlier Implementation of Amendment to SOLAS Reg. V/19.1.2 (BNWAS installation)	January 2014

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30	Observance of Traffic Separation Schemes	February 1992
36	Specifications for the Issuance of Technical Certificates	February 1992
38	Safety Requirements for Cargo Vessels under 500 GRT	September 1993
40	Carriage of Timber deck Cargoes	April 1992
41	Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes	May 1992
70	Panama Policy Matters	September 1993
91	Panama Policy Matters	September 1994
114	Policy matters	September 2001
117	Termination of Satellite Processing of Distress Signals from 121.5 and 243 MHz emergency beacons.	September 2001
152	Harmonized System of Surveys and Certification	October 2007
156	Exemptions of requirements of International Conventions and National Regulations and Issuance of Conditional/ Short Term Certificates	October 2016
157	Control of Anti-Fouling System on Ships	March 2008
167	Crew Boat Requirements	May 2015
192	Type Approvals” and” to the satisfaction of the Administration” criteria	November 2008

204	Outside Ship Bottom inspection and Dry docking Interface Periods for Panamanian Flagged Vessels	April 2004
214	Mandatory Implementation of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code	January 2011
216	Code of the safety for Caribbean Cargo Ships (CCSS Code)	December 2010
244	Customer Satisfaction Survey in the SEGUMAR Webpage	May 2012
267	Notification of Resolution No. 106-146-DGMM	September 2014
288	Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008, as Amended	May 2015
299	Regulation for the Safety of Vessels Under 500GRT	August 2015
304	Implementation of New Ship's Routeing System in Panama	November 2014
313	Validity of color copies of original documents	September 2017
323	Organizational Changes in the General Directorate of Merchant Marine of the Panama Maritime Authority	October 2015
347	Online Certificates Verification	July, 2017
355	Use of Electronic Certificate onboard	August, 2017

TONNAGE

45	International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969	May 1992
67	Issuance of Tonnage Certificates	February 2015
89	ITC 69	October 2009
90	New Rules of Measurements: PC/UMS	September 1994

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