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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-223

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

Subject: Ratification of Panama to the SUA Protocol 2005.

Reference: Law 78, 2010, SUA 2005 and SUA PROT

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform about the ratification of Panama to the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA 2005) and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (SUA PROT 2005).
2. The aforementioned was approved by Law 78 of November 15, 2010, promulgated in Official Gazette No. 26663-B of November 18, 2010.
3. In this sense, the Republic of Panama deposited the instrument of ratification on February 24, 2011 and the same will enter into force on May 25, 2011 for Panama in accordance to the established in Article 18, number 2 and Article 9, number 2 of the cited Protocols.
4. We take this opportunity to reassure the Panama Maritime Administration interest and commitment to the maritime industry. In the event you have any question, comments or recommendation, please feel free to contact us to the below phone numbers.

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