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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-224

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

Subject: Control of the Fuel's Quality Guidelines

Reference: MARPOL'S REGULATION 18(8.1) ANNEX VI

1. The purpose of this circular is to inform about the establishment of control of the fuel's quality to be delivered on board ships by the bunker suppliers operating in the Republic of Panama, specifically on the steps to be followed for the taking of samples demanded by MARPOL's Regulation 18(8.1) Annex VI.

2. For sampling location purposes, the sample of the fuel delivered to the ship, should be obtained at the supplier's ship bunker manifold and should be drawn continuously throughout the delivery period at the bunker.

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