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### MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-299

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

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**Subject:** Regulation for the Safety of Vessels under 500GRT

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**Reference:** Resolution No. 106-138-DGMM, 10 September, 2013

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- 1- The purpose of this Circular is to inform all users that the Panamanian Administration through Resolution No. 106-138-DGMM, dated 10 September 2013 establishes the regulation applied to all cargo vessels of the Republic of Panama under 500 GRT holding an international registry certificate, in order to achieve the highest levels of safety of life at sea and sea proprietorship. In this sense, Decree 45 of 21 December, 1981 is deemed without legal effect.
- 2- The content of Resolution No. 106-138-DGMM is the same as Decree 45, for that reason, the certification giving proof of the compliance with the Resolution is the same as Decree 45. Furthermore, Recognized Organizations authorized to issue the Decree 45 certificates are automatically authorized to issue the certificates of this Resolution.
- 3- Given the aforementioned, we request all Recognized Organizations duly authorized to issue the certificates related to this regulation to modify the header of the Interim Cargo Ship Certificates for vessels under 500GRT, Interim Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificates for vessels under 300 GRT, Records of Equipment and Records of Inspection so that they do not quote Decree 45 anymore and instead start quoting Resolution No. 106-138-DGMM, dated 10 September 2013.
- 4- Having considered the contents of Resolution No. 106-138-DGMM, 10 September, 2013, this Administration has changed forms of the Interim Cargo Ship Certificates for vessels under 500GRT and Interim Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificates for vessels under 300 GRT in order to comply with the model established on this Resolution.

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- 5- It is important to indicate that Cargo Ship Safety Certificates for vessels under 500GRT and Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelephony Certificates for vessels under 300 GRT issued to Panamanian flagged vessel after September 10, 2013 and before the publication of this circular, will be re-issued at no cost for registered ships.

Further to the abovementioned all Recognized Organizations duly authorized to issue the certificates related to Resolution No. 106-138-DGMM, are urged to include the dates of last two outside ship's bottom inspections in the Interim Cargo Ship Certificate, Ship's Survey Report and Ship's Record of Equipment in order to confirm that the vessel has complied with this inspection and ensuring that ship is in suitable conditions for the service for which the ship is intended.

- 6- We take this opportunity to reassure the Panama Maritime Administration interest and commitment to the maritime industry and users around the world.

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