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MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-8

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

Subject: Amendments to the Vessel Registration (Navigation "Patente")

Reference: Law 57, August 6, 2008

1. Any modification or alteration of the Registry Certificate ("Patente") of a Panamanian flag vessel, such as a change of name or owner of the vessel, a major change in the structure of the vessel, or in the case of a casualty, destruction or loss of the original Registry Certificate ("Patente"), shall require the issuance of a new Navigation Registry Certificate ("Patente"). (See Merchant Marine Circular MMC-REG-5 (former MMC-7).
2. In the event that such an alteration occurs, the procedure for the acquirement of a new Registry Certificate ("Patente") should follow.
3. When the amendment is due to a change of name or structure of the vessel, new technical certificates will be required.

**October, 2011- Modified – Inclusion of the term “Registry Certificate (“Patente”)” .
September, 2010 - Change in Reference and format.**

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