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To: Shipowners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (RO)

Subject: Registry of Vessels Under Construction which require "Patente" (Registration Number and Radio Call Letters before they are Completed in their Construction Phase Contract

Reference: Circular N°. 41/80 and Law 57 of August 6, 2008.

1. Law 57 of August 6, 2008 and the Circular No.41/80 provide for shipowners to obtain the assignment of the Provisional Registration number, the call sing letters and MMSI (if applicable) for those vessels that require such information before they are completed in their construction phase.
2. In this manner, those interested in registering vessels under construction in the National Merchant Marine will be able to pay the registry fee in order to obtain the Certificate of Assignment, which will be used for the registration of the title deed at the Public Registry, without having the Provisional Navigation Certificate issued without having those documents issued.
3. The Assignment of this preliminary registry information allows the owner to use them in the necessary documents to be prepared for the vessel under its construction, financing procedures and any other technical or commercial operation which the owner is interested in.
4. When the construction phase of the vessel has been completed, the interested party shall then pay the annual single rate, annual taxes, and inspection taxes where applicable. From that date, the respective taxes payment and the validity of the documents to be issued will start being computed.

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