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

Subject: Required Documents for Ship Radio Stations

**Reference: Decree Law No. 7
International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, as amended**

Passenger ships, irrespective of size and cargo ships of 1,600 gross tons and upwards, unless exempted under Regulation 5 of Chapter IV of SOLAS, shall be fitted with a radiotelegraph station and shall comply with the provisions of the aforementioned chapter. Also exempted are vessels which have adopted the Equivalent Arrangement as per SLS 14/Circ.72.

The above mentioned vessels require the following documents on board:

1. Radiotelegraph Installations:

- a. Radio License
- b. Certificate of Competency of the Radio Operator
- c. Radio Log Book
- d. Alphabetical list of call signs of stations used in the Maritime Mobile Service
- e. Coastal Stations Nomenclature
- f. Ship Stations Nomenclature
- g. List of Radiodetermination and Special Service Stations
- h. Manual for the use by the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile Satellite Services

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- i. Telegraph Tariffs of the countries for which the station most frequently accepts radiotelegrams.

Cargo ships of 300 gross tons and upwards but less than 1,600 gross tons, unless fitted with a radiotelegraph station complying with the provisions of Regulations 9 and 10 of Chapter IV of SOLAS shall, provided they are not exempted under Regulation 5 of the aforementioned Chapter, be fitted with a radiotelephone station complying with the provisions of Chapter IV of SOLAS.

The above mentioned vessels require the following documents on board:

2. Radiotelephone Installations:

- a. Radio License
- b. General Operator's Certificates or Restricted Operator's Certificates
- c. Radio Log Book
- d. List of Coast Stations, hours on the air, radio frequencies guarded and fee changes
- e. Manual for the use by the Maritime Mobile Service

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