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Ministry of Finance and Treasury

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Consular and Maritime Affairs

To: Class Societies and other Recognized Organizations, Shipowners/Operators of

Panamanian Flag Vessels

Subject: Entry into force of ANNEX II to MARPOL 73/78

Annex II to MARPOL 73/78 came into force on April 1987. This Annex applies to all ships when carrying one or more Noxious Liquid Substances in bulk. Vessels under this category will require to be properly certified for Annex II. No postponement is intended for "existing" vessels (keel laid before 1st July 1986) for the implementation of this Annex.

Panama has authorized a number of Class Societies and other Recognized Organizations to issue the NLS (Noxious Liquid Substances) Certificate on its behalf. Each ship which this requirement applies, is to have on board a procedure and arrangement (P&A) Manual approved by or on behalf of the Administration. The Manual should contain the information specified in the Standards of Procedures and Arrangements and the requirements of Annex II.

Compliance with the procedures and arrangements set out in a ship's manual will ensure that the discharge requirements of Annex II are met.

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