

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Ministry of Finance and Treasury

Office of the Directorate of Merchant Marine Circular No. 84

Consular and Maritime Affairs

To: Shipowners/Operators and Masters of Panamanian Flag Vessels
Subject: Consular Visits to Panamanian Flag Vessels
Reference: Circular 603-03-02-ALCN of January 23, 1991; Circular 601-020-CN of August 9, 1990; Circular No. 5 of March 27, 1984

1. Reference is made to all the above Circulars by means of which the inspections of vessels by Consular Officials are regulated.
2. In accordance with such Circulars, a Consular official may only inspect or visit Panamanian vessels under one of the following circumstances:
 - a. When the owners/operators voluntarily request the Consul to inspect or visit their vessels, or
 - b. When such inspection or visit is expressly requested by the Directorate General of Consular and Maritime Affairs.,
1. These Circulars also make reference to the detention of Panamanian vessels and states very clearly that such detentions will occur only with the express authorization of the Directorate of Consular and Maritime Affairs. Hence, no Consul is empowered to detain vessels without the consent of the Directorate.

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