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Consular and Maritime Affairs

To: Shipowners/Operators, and Masters of Panamanian Flag Vessels, Class Societies

and other Recognized Organizations

Subject: Fire Protection

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SPARE CHARGES

This Administration requires spare charges for 10% of the number of extinguishers.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are to be checked annually by a surveyor of the cognizant Class Society or other recognized organization.

FOAM EXTINGUISHERS AND FOAM SAMPLES

Fixed fire fighting system foam sample must be analyzed as prescribed by the manufacturer or at two (2) year intervals by the cognizant class society or other recognized organization. In either case, the analysis is to be done by an approved laboratory.

Only non-foam extinguishers can be checked by a ships officer and proper record must be kept on scheduled check. Extinguishers can be refilled by a ships officer, but only for non-foam types. Record must be kept and the extinguisher shall be tagged accordingly.

FIRE PROTECTION - PAINT LOCKERS

To protect the paint lockers from fires, this Administration requires either the fitting of a fixed fire extinguishing system in the paint locker or the fitting of a portable fire extinguisher immediately outside the entrance to the paint locker. The number of portable extinguishers is to be adequate to the size of the paint locker as determined by the class society or recognized organization.

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